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AT the end of last season that wonderfully versatile footballer Paul Madeley began to have thoughts of retirement.

No doubt he was reflecting on the fact he's now the elder statesman of the Leeds United club he joined 16 years ago.

With the departure of Paul Reaney, the break-up of the great Leeds team of the Sixties is almost complete. Only Paul, Peter Lorimer, Eddie Gray and David Harvey remain, and the last three are no longer permanent fixtures in the side.

Madeley, though, is still very much a cornerstone of the side and although 34, he is convinced he has at least two more years at the top.

It was ex-Leeds manager Jimmy Armfield who persuaded Paul to forget any thoughts of retirement.

PAUL MADELEY—still playing for Leeds because he quit England

Paul says: "Other people are better judges of your own performances so shortly before Mr. Armfield left I asked him for an honest assessment of my play and future in the game.

"He told me I should manage another couple of years without much bother.

"I certainly feel fit enough at the moment and that's probably because I quit international football a few years ago.

"Club matches, coupled with international duty is very demanding, and when Leeds were in Europe I was playing 60 matches a season.

"I felt if I stopped playing for England at least I might prolong



my career with Leeds, and I'm sure I made the right decision.

"I had ten free weeks this summer which gave me the chance to do some voluntary training.

"When I look at Norman Hunter playing as well as ever at 35 it gives me quite a fillip, so I am taking Jimmy Armfield's advice.

"And I can honestly say, despite Jock Stein's sudden resignation to take over Scotland, there's a terrific spirit in the Elland Road dressing-room."

What is Paul's main ambition before he does finally retire?

"Naturally I want to win more trophies with Leeds but above anything else I'd like to play in Europe again."

THE transfer bargain buy of the season? Southampton's £15,000 goalkeeper from Halifax Terry Genoe must be a leading candidate. In only his fourth first team appearance he made a string of tremendous saves to foil Everton at Goodison. Watch out for the name... Terry Genoe.

Oval Duo Together—Again!

WHEN Linfield goal-ace Jimmy Martin joined Glentoran in the £8,000 deal which took Oval sharpshooter Warren Feeney to Windsor Park recently, he resumed his one-time goalscoring partnership with much-travelled net-finder Barry Brown, Glens' early-term capture from Coleraine.

East Belfast Lay Preacher Martin,

Hagan Makes Progress

JUST over a year ago, Coventry City defender Jim Hagan, who made his First Division debut in the October 7 home League draw (2-2) v. Ipswich Town, was playing part-time Irish League soccer with Larne.

But now bright prospect Jim, who once appeared in the same Northern Ireland Youth side as eventual Football League professionals Jimmy Nicholl, David McCreery (both Manchester

United), Vic Moreland (Derby County) and Noel Brotherton (Blackburn), looks set for a lengthy top-class career, at club and international level.

Ulster's Young Player of the Year in 1976, talented Hagan, a £30,000 Highfield Road arrival last term, is already a full Northern Ireland panellist and seemingly assured of top Irish honours in the not-too-distant future. And he hopes at club level, too.

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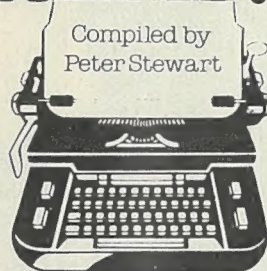
COULD a player appear for BOTH sides in the same match? Sounds impossible but it actually happened! In a Third Division match in 1932 Jimmy Oakes was one of the Port Vale backs against Charlton Athletic. Shortly after half-time the game was abandoned because of fog and was replayed later in the season. By that time Jimmy Oakes had been transferred to Charlton — and played this time against his old club!

'KIDNAP' THREAT

DARLINGTON manager Peter Madden has suffered many frustrations over his search for an elusive striker. Deals have broken down for a variety of reasons. Madden threatens he will "kidnap" the next striker he gets in his sights!

NEWS

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Peter Stewart



DESK

HEREFORD's 1-0 home win against Port Vale was more than a run-of-the-mill Fourth Division result. It was their 100th since joining the Football League in 1972.

Only two of the competition's 92 clubs have still to reach the three-figure victory mark — the newcomers this season and last, Wigan Athletic and Wimbledon.

For the record, Hereford's record after the Port Vale game (spanning every Division except the First) read:

P282 W100 D83 L99 Goals F362 A361 Points 283.

LITTLE'S NOT SO LIGHTWEIGHT NOW

MOST soccer players are always fighting a battle against putting on weight and soccer managers are so strict they fine anyone who is heavier than they should be at any time of the season.

Brian Little (right, light shorts) is an exception to the rule for the time being. He has put on a few extra

ALL-SEATED

GREENOCK Morton may follow Aberdeen's example and make their ground all-seated and covered. The present capacity of Cappielow is 18,000. Aberdeen are all-seated and plans are in hand to make Pittodrie fully-covered.

Persistent Grimes

MANCHESTER United's young Irish midfielder man Ashley Grimes (below) is hoping to earn a regular first team spot this season. And if persistence has anything to do with it, he'll make it.

Grimes was signed by United two seasons ago and has since made over a dozen first team appearances.

But before that, he'd come over



for trials at Old Trafford two summers running and been sent back both times.

He finally convinced the Manchester club with his performances for Bohemians — and they coughed up a fee for a player they could have signed for nothing.

SEVERAL Football League clubs are after the services of teenage Bangor defender Alan Harrison, rated in the £50,000-plus class by ex-talent scout Jim Emery, currently in his first full term in charge of the Irish League club.

pounds and says he is a much better player.

The England player said: "I feel strong with the little extra weight and I move quicker on to the ball. I also feel I am playing better than last season but there is room for improvement."



TRIPLE RECORD TERRY

NORTHERN Ireland wing-ace Terry Cochrane's recent £210,000 switch from Burnley to Middlesbrough saw the 25-year-old smash no fewer than three all-time records.

Terry became Boro's costliest signing, the most expensive Ulsterman in Football League history and the Irish League's biggest-ever sale to a cross-Channel club.

Ball-playing Cochrane moved from Coleraine to Turf Moor for a £25,000 fee, two seasons ago, but the progressive Co. Derry outfit, only too well aware of their star player's unlimited potential, made sure they would get a 25 per cent cut of any future deal.

So, when the ex-Showgrounds' ace moved to Ayresome Park, Coleraine collected an additional £50,000, which made dazzling Terry the most expensive Irish League player ever captured by a Football League side, clearly topping the £50,000 fee Derby County paid Glentoran for striker Billy Caskey, in September this year.

MIDDLESBROUGH's brilliant full-back prospect Ian Bailey has asked the club for a transfer.

PORT Vale have signed Felix Healey, a Derryman who made only a few appearances for Eire side Finn Harps this season.

HAPPY HARTLEPOOL

FOURTH Division Hartlepool were delighted when Middlesbrough extended the loan of Northern Ireland international goalkeeper Jim Platt. The Pool would like to sign Platt on a permanent basis — but the stand-in to Pat Jennings on the international scene has his sights aimed above the Fourth Division.

BRISTOL Rovers' striker Paul Randall hit his first hat-trick for the club in their 4-1 victory over Blackburn Rovers at the beginning of October.

RANGERS' boss John Greig could be interested in Aston Villa's reserve keeper Jake Findlay. Last season Dundee United wanted him . . . but were frightened off by the price Villa manager Ron Saunders was asking. It was £80,000.

SIX-FIGURE TEAM?

LEICESTER City may be in the Second Division these days but only Everton can beat them when it comes to paying out six-figure transfer fees.

They've forked out £100,000 or more for Allan Clarke, Jon Samuels, Alan Birchenall, Keith Weller, Dennis Rofe, Steve Earle, Jeff Blockley, Chris Garland, Brian Alderson and Roger Davies.

Rumour has it, manager Jock Wallace may soon complete a team of six-figure men.

DAVID Cusack (below), Southend's record £50,000 signing from Sheffield Wednesday, had an



eventful match against Walsall recently. He scored his first goal for his new club and then conceded the penalty from which Alan Buckley equalised.

Ray could give Blues red faces

THERE could be a lot of red faces at St. Andrews this season if 18-year-old Solihull-born striker Ray McDonough makes the grade at Walsall.

The Midlands club snapped him up from their famous First Division neighbours for peanuts and already he has set Walsall buzzing with a succession of exciting performances.

And to add a touch of irony the arrival of McDonough at Fellows Park probably signalled the departure of £170,000-rated star striker Alan Buckley — top goalscorer for the past five seasons.

The Club who finally landed the much-sought after Buckley was . . . Birmingham City.

BEST WORST

PLYMOUTH Argyle have the best record of the 48 Third and Fourth Division clubs entering the F.A. Cup First Round draw on Monday, November 6th.

They have been Third Round competitors — when the 44 First and Second Division clubs came in — every season since 1971-72. Then they lost a First Round game at Gillingham by 3-2.

TORQUAY United have the worst record in the 48 Third and Fourth Division clubs entering the F.A. Cup First Round draw.

Their last victory at this stage was against Hereford United (home) in 1972-73.

Since then they have lost to Hereford (away, twice), Northampton, Hillingdon Borough and Southend (home).

ARSENAL were anxious to give Shelbourne's Liam Buckley a trial and they asked The Reds to release their exciting youngster for a trial period of three months.

The Dublin club rejected Arsenal's request claiming they could not afford to lose the player at this stage of the season and anyway, The Gunners may not sign him at the end of the trial period.

ANOTHER K.K.

SCUNTHORPE's 18-year-old England Youth striker Kevin Kilmore is already being dubbed the new Kevin Keegan because of his K.K. initials.

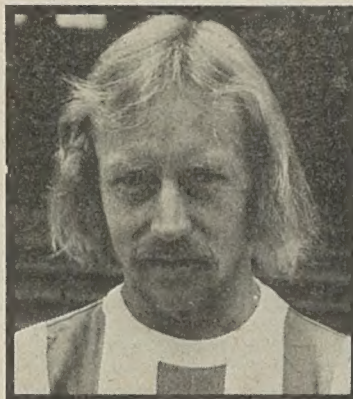
And like England star Keegan his big ambition is to join a top First Division club like Liverpool. He has already been vetted by chief scout Geoff Twentyman — Liverpool's star finder — but Spurs are still favourites for his signature because Tottenham boss Keith Burkinshaw keeps track of all the up and coming stars at his old club.

CHRIS Sparks, 18-year-old Crystal Palace defender, takes a lot of beating when it comes to stamina. And he puts that down to his days as Hackney cross-country Champion.

GRAY STAYS— for now

HUDDERSFIELD Town striker Terry Gray (below) ended speculation that he might be leaving the club, by signing a four year contract.

"This gives me security if I want it, but the club has still promised



to tell me about any bid that may be made," says Terry.

Gray believes the club is due for a better time after so many years of disappointment.

The return of striker Bobby Campbell who left for Sheffield United and then Vancouver Whitecaps, is seen as a step in the right direction.

FACELIFT FOR BOHS

BOHEMIANS, the current League of Ireland Champions plan a major facelift for Dalymount Park during next summer.

An Executive Suite, new changing rooms, weight training room and a physiotherapy room are planned. Man-

ager Billy Young may even get his own office at last.

The Gypsies will become the first Eire club to have mail order facilities, which they hope to have in operation by this Christmas.

Brother subbed Brother BILLY'S 500

WE often hear of brothers playing on the same team or in opposing sides, but it is rare to see one substituting the other.

This happened in Eire this season. When Finn Harps played St. Patrick's Athletic, Harps Joe Helay replaced his brother Felix late in the second-half.

WEST Ham skipper Billy Bonds (below), made his 500th League appearance against Sheffield United recently. The first 95 were completed with his first Club Charlton, of course.

Billy's team-mate Pat Holland made his 200th first team appearance for The Hammers at Oldham.



TARTAN RECORD

THESE tables show the success rate of Scotland's past nine managers . . . could Jock Stein improve on his existing record (Scotland/Norway not included) to become his country's most successful manager ever? All tartan fingers are crossed.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Willie Ormond	38	18	8	12	55	39	44
Ian McColl	27	16	3	8	72	50	35
Bobby Brown	28	9	8	11	37	35	26
Ally MacLeod	17	7	5	5	26	21	19
Tommy Docherty	12	7	2	3	17	8	16
Andy Beattie	17	5	4	8	25	35	14
Jock Stein	7	3	1	3	11	11	7
Matt Busby	3	1	2	0	6	3	4
John Prentice	4	0	2	2	4	9	2

THEIR SUCCESS RATE

Tommy Docherty	66 per cent
Ian McColl	65 per cent
Willie Ormond	57 per cent
Ally MacLeod	56 per cent
Bobby Brown	46 per cent
Andy Beattie	41 per cent

This week's Star Letter comes from Martin Bowen-Jones of Loughborough, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

CHANGE OF OPINION

AS A devoted Chelsea fan, I have, for the past few years, collected various Press articles about my team. I've been astonished recently by the contrasting opinions now uttered by the newspaper "experts".

When Chelsea were in Division Two, the Press enthused about the "bright, talented young side" produced by debt-ridden Chelsea.

Now, it has been written that "some of the players simply aren't good enough for Division One" and "the London club is heading for Division Two".

I greatly admire the majority of sportswriters, but it seems their views are as inconsistent as Chelsea's performances!

● Some of Chelsea's youngsters haven't fulfilled their potential and writers are justified in judging them on their results.

Drivel

I'M WRITING to complain about the drivel written by Frank Worthington in his Focus. My son is football mad and pays out 18p a week — he loves finding out about players, but all he found out about Worthington is he must be a raving lunatic! I'm surprised you

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printed such rubbish.

MRS. HELEN NEWMAN, CREWE.

● Frank's (below) Focus brought us a lot of mail, and most people found his tongue-in-cheek replies very funny. Frank was obviously trying to have a joke and I'm surprised anyone took his replies seriously. Let's not take the smile out of soccer.



Family Game

I NOTICED Southampton have set aside a section of The Dell for families, another example of the many good things Lawrie McMenemy has done for soccer. It would be a good idea if other clubs followed suit as it enables parents to go to games with their children without the worry of being caught up in terrace violence.

ANTHONY WILLIAMS, LISS.

● If Southampton, with a relatively small ground, can manage this, more should follow their example.

Busy 'Keepers

HAVE YOU noticed how Liverpool seem to bring out the best in goalkeepers? Many times, the opposing 'keeper is his team's star player, as television has highlighted.

C. GANDER, MODBURY.

● Mainly because he has so many opportunities to show how good

he is! This season, most opposing goalies have been picking the ball out of their net about three times per game, though.

Natural Reaction

I WAS AT the Bristol City/Nottingham Forest game and Clive Thomas gave one of the worst refereeing displays I've ever seen.

Clive even held his head in disbelief when the ball hit the crossbar, but surely he shouldn't do this?

DAVID LANEY, PORTISHEAD.

● Why not? Clive, like everyone else, gets caught up in the atmosphere and shows a natural, human reaction. If every ref were as good as Clive, soccer would have far fewer problems on the field.

Conceited — Or Confident?

ANDY GRAY — groan, yawn! Every fortnight he takes up valuable space in SHOOT with his bigotted, pig-headed remarks. He seems to have an exaggerated idea of his own importance.

KEN SHAW, BRAY.

● Far from being big-headed, Andy, as every striker should be, has confidence in his ability to score a lot of goals. What do you expect him to say: that he doesn't think he'll score?

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A plea to Q.P.R. fans
from skipper JOHN HOLLINS . . .

'The club needs YOU'

JOHAN HOLLINS, Queens Park Rangers' tireless skipper points to the next few weeks as being critical to the future of the West London club.

After collecting just one point from their first three League games, the football prophets immediately marked them down as strong candidates for relegation.

But while acknowledging the seriousness of the situation, Hollins is certainly not ready to admit defeat so early in the season.

"Obviously, retaining our status as a First Division side has got to be our number one priority," he told SHOOT!

Hollins is certain he wants to avoid at all cost another nail-biting finale like last season, which saw Rangers survive the big drop by a single point.

"I know I've always said I love a challenge, and I was delighted when they handed me the captaincy last season, and asked me to lead them out of trouble. But in all honesty, I'd prefer not to face quite such a stiff task this time," declared John.

"It's no exaggeration to say everyone at the club was living on their nerve ends from Christmas until May."

No one would argue that on their day, Rangers are quite capable of matching the best in the land for skill and excitement.

But the big criticism last season was when the chips were down, they didn't have enough players willing to substitute their silky ball skills for good, old-fashioned hard graft.

"That's true — up to a point," insisted Hollins.

'Content'

"There's no denying that initially, some of the side, once they'd lost the ball, didn't seem interested in running and fighting to get it back again. They were content to let others do that kind of work for them."

"But that was a situation which just couldn't go on. And slowly, as they found relegation staring them in the face, they realised that desperate measures were called for."

"And, by the end of the season, everyone was working together as a unit, which was how it should be."

"That's just the kind of formula

we've got to recreate now. We did it once, so why not again?"

Clearly, the reasons for Rangers' poor start to the season aren't too difficult to pinpoint.

The managerial upheaval just prior to the start of the season, at a time when every club is looking for a smooth build-up to bolster confidence for the big kick-off, were bound to upset the rhythm.

"It got to the point where the players didn't know what they were supposed to be doing."

John's job could be made easier by the notoriously fickle Loftus Road crowd, who've been conspicuous only by their absence over the last year or so.

"We ought to have had a capacity crowd for the visit of the new League Champions, Nottingham Forest," declared John. "But only around 17,000 turned up, which was nothing short of disgraceful for the First Division."

"Bill Shankly used to proudly proclaim the Liverpool crowd were worth a two-goal start to his side. And anyone who's played at Anfield knows that isn't far from the truth."

"I'm not for a minute suggesting we could get anywhere near that. For a start, our ground is only half the size. But in the 1975-76 season, when we finished second in the League, we averaged just under 24,000 which, for us, was terrific. And the atmosphere at times was tremendous."

"Supporters are supposed to follow their sides through good — and bad. And right now, we need them more than ever."

Everton made the WRIGHT decision signing BILLY

FOR BILLY Wright of Everton, the future looks bright. Last season he made his First Division debut for the Goodison club and has been a regular member of the squad this term. But at one time it seemed doubtful whether there was a place for the Liverpool-born defender in top-class football.

Wright signed schoolboy forms for Everton, then thought the bottom had dropped out of his world when he was not offered apprenticeship forms by the Merseysiders. However, the club found him a job in a local garage, and at this stage, Billy decided to pursue his dream of eventually becoming a Goodison player.

He says: "The disappointment of not being taken on as an apprentice later faded when I kept on playing and became a professional with Everton. It more than made up for any earlier set-back I had experienced."

"And last season, after I'd been appearing for the reserves, I was chosen as substitute against Leicester at Goodison and went on for part of the match. Everything I had wished for became a reality on that day, and it was gratifying, too, that I was later selected for the England Under-21 team."

In a city where rivalry runs high between Liverpool and Everton, Wright's heart has always been

with the Goodison club. What may have contributed to Billy's loyalty to the Blues is the fact his uncle, Tommy Wright, was a former Everton and England player.

"My uncle passed on tips to me, and encouraged me," says Wright. "He was very helpful, and here at Goodison, Mr. Lee and the more experienced players are always ready to offer useful advice, which I appreciate."

'Contenders'

"Also, morale in the Everton team is very good. I know it is still early in the season to talk about winning the First Division title, but I think Everton have the sort of playing strength available that can make us into leading contenders for a position at the top."

"Over at Anfield, Liverpool received a set-back in being knocked out of the European Cup. I was there when they lost to Nottingham Forest, who I thought did a great defensive job in shutting down Liverpool in midfield and in addition, kept on top of the home attack. Kenny Burns and Larry Lloyd deserve full credit for that, as Kenny Dalglish had to drop further and further back to pick up the ball."

"But Liverpool weren't at their best in that match, and I can see

them as the chief opposition to any side that is after the Championship. Incidentally, if Everton can lift the title, it would realise my ambition to win a League medal at Goodison in my first full season in the first team."

"To do that, I have to play well enough to keep my position in the side, and the competition is very keen for places, particularly with the new men we've signed."

In a spell of less than two years since becoming a professional, Billy has not had a lot of time in which to store up memories of great occasions — but he can recall one event which he will always regard as a highlight.

'Favourite'

"It happened in a match against Chelsea last season at Goodison Park. Following a centre, the ball was knocked out to the edge of the box, and I hit it first time to score my first goal for Everton. For me, it was a big thrill to put the ball in the net — but I still consider my favourite position is at centre-back."

"In making soccer my career, I've always had the support of my mother and father, and family. I deeply appreciate the backing they've given me."





Preview of the Football League Cup Fourth Round ties

PLAYERS

Everton v. Nottingham Forest



'The holders will be difficult to beat'

DAVE THOMAS (Everton)

UNDOUBTEDLY the tie of the round and the people privileged enough to be at Goodison Park are, I'm sure, in for a feast of attacking football by two of England's top sides.

The mood in the Everton camp these days is one of optimism and confidence that we'll capture a major trophy this season.

Forest will be very difficult to beat, even at Goodison. Their ten outfield players are all capable of attacking and, as they proved against Liverpool in the European Cup, defending with 100 per cent concentration.

Though I see a tight match I will be very disappointed if we don't take advantage of being at home and go into the draw for the Quarter-Finals.



'I'm confident of retaining the Cup'

VIV ANDERSON (Nottingham Forest)

IF Nottingham Forest are to retain the League Cup trophy then we have got to beat the best sides in the competition.

And you can't get a tougher game at this stage of the competition than Everton at Goodison Park.

It should be an interesting match and we will have to keep a special eye on their talented England striker Bob Latchford who is now back in the goals business after a rather lean spell at the beginning of the season.

I'm not one for forecasting a result but I must say I'm fairly confident of achieving the right result and move a step nearer to keeping the trophy.

Norwich City v. Manchester City



'Canaries can overcome City's class'

KEVIN BOND (Norwich City)

IT'S a tremendous draw for us and a good Cup-tie for the public. We couldn't have been drawn against a tougher side than Manchester City. But, at least it's a relief to be playing at home.

We have already played City earlier in the season, at Carrow Road and drew 1-1. But I thought we were the better side. We were in complete control of the match until Mike Channon scored a tremendous equaliser. City are a very experienced side with players of great class, but I believe we can overcome their presence.

Norwich have had an inconsistent League campaign so far — a good Cup run could change all that.

I'm not going to predict a scoreline but I'm confident of us getting the right result.



'It's going to be tough'

MIKE CHANNON (Manchester City)

ANY club left in the Cup at this stage in the competition are no pushovers. They have got to be a reasonable side to have reached this far.

Our game against Norwich is going to be a difficult one. They have some very experienced players and their youngsters are maturing with every game.

You can't buy that sort of talent out of Woolworths.

City have already played Norwich this term and drew. I scored the equalising goal and on the day I thought they were a very good outfit.

We have had so much going on this season we haven't had much time to think about the League Cup until now.

I'm not very good at crystal-ball gazing, but I honestly feel we can get a result. Although as I've said — it's going to be tough for City at Carrow Road.

Exeter City v. Watford



'Exeter are capable of going all the way'

COLIN RANDALL (Exeter City)

AFTER my disappointments of losing in the League Cup Semi-Finals with my previous club Plymouth Argyle in 1974, I am determined to help Exeter go all the way this time. Despite being a Third Division side I have every confidence we can cause a surprise by reaching the Final. After all we won't be the first from the Third to do that in this Cup.

After our sterling victory v. First Division Bolton Wanderers at St. James' Park we must stand a good chance of upsetting Third Division pacesetters Watford.

It is bound to be a full house and Watford will be just as difficult to break down and beat. But we proved against Bolton we have the players capable of producing their best when it matters.

We meet Watford in the League at Vicarage Road on Saturday (October 28th) and although at the time of writing the result was not known it will have no bearing on the Cup-tie.



'A harder tie than Manchester United'

IAN BOLTON (Watford)

THIS tie is going to be more difficult than our victory against Manchester United at Old Trafford in the previous round.

Despite being drawn at Exeter, we will approach the game in the same way we have with every match this season and that is to attack from the first whistle.

The St. James' Park side will play it very fast — a typical Third Division tactic.

Our attacking policy has paid dividends so far this term and I am sure that as long as it is successful, manager Graham Taylor will persevere with it.

I am confident we can emulate past Third Division winners of the trophy — Queens Park Rangers and Swindon Town — as long as we get through this round.

Aston Villa v. Luton Town



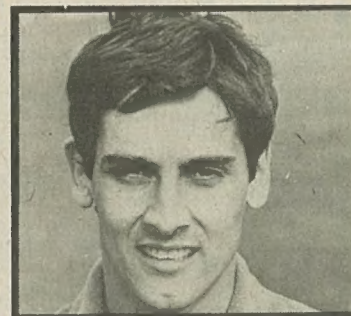
'An early chance to secure a place in Europe'

ANDY GRAY (Aston Villa)

I said in SHOOT before the Palace tie it could be our hardest game of the season — and all three were! Still, with so many First Division clubs out, and a home tie against Luton, we are quietly confident of furthering our record in the League Cup.

We've done remarkably well to reach this stage considering the injury problems. Now they're clearing up, we are looking to the League Cup as an early chance to secure a place in Europe.

We shan't underestimate Luton, who have one or two experienced campaigners in their team. Yet there's no denying if we get through this round, we must be in with a very good chance of Wembley again.



'Go-for-goal Hatters, too good for Villa'

MILIJ ALEKSIC (Luton Town)

IT'S a tremendous Cup draw for the club. Both teams are good footballing sides and are capable of producing a highly entertaining match.

I have seen Villa three or four times this season on TV and on each occasion they looked a very commanding outfit.

Although Villa have suffered with injuries this term, they still have plenty of experience and talent available. One of their dangermen is Andy Gray, a striker we will have to watch.

Luton have been playing some good attacking football this season, as the number of goals we've been scoring have proved. If we can approach this game with the same attitude, I'm sure we can win.

It is a one-off thing, so there is no reason why we shouldn't produce the goods on the night.

I'm not going to predict a scoreline, but in the back of our minds, we know Luton have a good chance.

WITH AN EYE ON WEMBLEY

Queens Park Rangers v. Leeds United



'Rangers are more organised now'

MARTYN BUSBY (Q.P.R.)

I'M very confident Queens Park Rangers will defeat Leeds United at Loftus Road with a scoreline of 2-0 or 2-1.

The reason for my optimism is Rangers have started to get it together after a shaky start — particularly at home.

Steve Burtenshaw, our manager, is now getting some organisation back in the club and morale is much better than at the beginning of the season.

I think their dangerman will be the talented Tony Currie and if we can subdue him then I am sure we have the players to dictate the game and see us through to the next round.



'I'll settle for a draw'

DAVID HARVEY (Leeds United)

I have got to admit, our Cup-tie against Queens Park Rangers away at Loftus Road is not the best of draws — but it could have been worse.

Rangers have been going through a terrible patch in recent months, mainly due to a change of manager so that's why I believe we've a reasonable chance of going through — or at least holding them to a draw.

We beat Sheffield United 4-1 at Bramall Lane in the previous round. On the night everything went to plan. We must approach the Rangers tie in the same frame of mind.

Although I believe Leeds are more than capable of achieving a good result, we will not underestimate the Londoners who have some quality players in Stan Bowles and Co.

We are going to play exactly the same way as the previous round, going forward.

But to be honest I will settle for a draw.

Charlton v. Stoke City



'I really fancy our chances'

MIKE FLANAGAN (Charlton)

STOKE CITY are going extremely well at the moment and look certs for promotion. Manager Alan Durban obviously has got a good side together up there.

I'm aware of the strength of the opposition but Charlton have one major advantage ... we are at home. That's very important at this stage of any knock-out tournament.

Obviously Stoke are capable of getting a result, but I really fancy our chances.

The League Cup — which has become the graveyard for so many First Division sides this season — is wide open. So, if Charlton beat Stoke and get a kind draw in the next round I believe we can go all the way to Wembley.

A scoreline? No way will there be a repeat of our 5-4 result at Chesterfield in the last round. Let's say 2-1 to Charlton.



'Playing away again doesn't worry us'

HOWARD KENDALL (Stoke City)

OBVIOUSLY everyone at the Victoria Ground is disappointed at having to play away again in the League Cup, but that's the luck of the draw.

To be honest I really feel sorry for the Stoke City supporters who haven't had a chance to see their team at home in the competition.

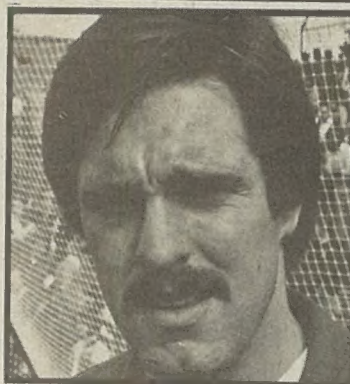
But we've a good away record this season, so travelling doesn't worry us.

Both teams are always likely to score goals, so this tie at The Valley promises to be an entertaining one.

In the last round we won 3-1 at Northampton. But the score-line was misleading. Northampton fought very hard but we took our chances and scored the goals which, as you know, is most important.

If we can do the same against Charlton, at the same time keeping the likes of Flanagan in check, I'm sure we'll win through to the next round. And I hope a home draw at last.

Brighton v. Peterborough United



'Just like a normal League match'

ERIC STEELE (Brighton)

AT THIS stage of the competition all Brighton wanted was a home draw which is exactly what we got.

Although we are not counting our chickens, we are fairly confident of progressing at the expense of Third Division Peterborough United.

We will treat this game as a normal League match in the build-up and we haven't mentioned The Posh since the draw was made, although manager Alan Mullery did see the replay between Peterborough and Swindon and will give us the full information this week.

With so many First Division clubs knocked out I'm sure Brighton can go all the way and reach Wembley.



'Brighton's fans will lift Posh'

ALAN SLOUGH (Peterborough)

IT MIGHT sound a little odd but I think it is a good draw for us. The big crowd, almost guaranteed at Brighton's Goldstone Ground, will definitely lift us and we are capable of pulling off a surprise win.

Forget the fact we are a Third Division side because when it comes to Cup competitions all clubs start level.

It will be a hard game full of attacking football.

I know Teddy Maybank and manager Alan Mullery from our Fulham days and that gives me an extra incentive to do well. Yes, it's Posh to go through to the Quarter-Finals.

Reading v. Southampton



'Almost a local derby'

MIKE KEARNEY (Reading)

WE are very pleased with the draw against Southampton. It's almost a local derby for us because it is only an hour's drive from The Dell. I'm sure Southampton will bring many supporters to Reading, so it should be nearly a full house.

Reading have nothing to prove to anyone. We go out on to the pitch to enjoy ourselves and do the club proud.

Playing a First Division outfit, will not over-awe us. Wolves came to our place and were beaten 1-0 in a previous round so meeting another Division One side won't frighten us.

I don't know very much about Southampton but I realise they have some talented players, especially Alan Ball and Ted MacDougall.

I can't say who is going to win but I know for certain that myself and the rest of the Reading lads are going to fight hard for 90 minutes.



'Saints won't be forced into making mistakes'

MALCOLM WALDRON (Southampton)

IT'S like a local derby, our game against Reading in the Cup. It's an all-ticket game at Elm Park so the atmosphere should be electric.

For the first 20 minutes or so Reading are going to attack us with everything. We expect that from a team from a lower Division. They are going to try and unsettle us from the start, force us into making mistakes but I think we have too many experienced players to cope with the dangers.

Alan Ball and Ted MacDougall, men like that have played hundreds of Cup-ties, so I think that will be a telling factor.

The only thing I know about Reading is a couple of their players.

One was Paul Bennett, who I did my apprenticeship with, and Pat Earles. Both of these players were club-mates of mine a few seasons back.

I'm obviously confident, because they are from the Third Division but I am sure it is going to be a very tough game.

'We Are



Ray Clemence and his team-mates rehearse for the recording of their latest soccer pop record.

If listeners to Merseyside's Radio City the other Sunday morning detected a hoarseness in my voice, it wasn't because I'd been shouting extra-hard at my defence in Saturday's game. The reason was I'd spent most of the week rehearsing — mainly in the bath after training sessions — and recording Liverpool F.C.'s latest attempt to make a hit record.

Just one of the interesting offbeat activities that follow in the wake of success as a player with what I still believe is Britain's greatest club.

The record producers first approached us at the back end of last season, but we've been so busy it was only recently we managed to get together and do our version of "SingalongaPool".

One side of the "45" is dedicated to singing the praises of our most fervent supporters, and is entitled "Hail to the Kop", with original tune and lyrics, while the flip side is a new song, "We are Liverpool", sung to the tune of "Brown Girl in the Ring", a very catchy number recorded by a German group who call themselves "Boney M".

The recording took place in new studios on the outskirts of Liverpool, and the session lasted all afternoon and well into the evening before the producer decided he was satisfied.

It wasn't a new experience — we'd recorded a couple of "45's" before and an LP. The only one to enjoy a success was the one released just before our F.A. Cup Final with Manchester United in 1977, called "Yeah, we can do it".

Although we didn't do a treble of Championship, F.A. Cup and European Cup, we did succeed in taking two out of the three — title and European Cup.

Strangely enough, the record hit the number 15 spot in the "top 50" between our Wembley and Rome dates, but dropped out of sight after our European Cup win.

So far our records haven't put us

in the millionaire bracket — Elton John, you have nothing to fear — in fact, we've made them more for fun than in the expectation of making money.

A player in the public eye, like me, is fortunate in having the opportunity to supplement his income by becoming involved in all sorts of off-field activities, something which helps him to safeguard the future of himself and his family after a career in the game which

invariably ends sometime after his 30th birthday.

Sponsorships, endorsements, personal appearances, radio, TV and other media work.

The only commercial product I endorse at the moment is Onyx, an after-shave.

So far I've not given my name to any specialised sports goods, like Peter Shilton whose gloves are advertised in SHOOT, although I've been thinking about it.

At Liverpool, it's traditional we wear the strip of Umbro, who pay sums into our "players' pool" every time we achieve success.

However, whenever we play for England, and wear Admiral gear, that manufacturer's fees go to the F.A., which is as it should be. The honour of playing for my country, and the match-fees, are reward enough.

Although a spin-off through being an international is I'm in

Liverpool'



'Chris Lawler — one of the finest full-backs'

Kevin Keegan came all the way from Hamburg to play in Chris Lawler's testimonial at Anfield.

greater demand for personal appearances, which take up the bulk of the time I can allocate to off-field activities.

One of my most enjoyable — and hair-raising — experiences was when team-mates Phil Neal and Stevie Heighway joined me on a visit to the Dentene factory in Southampton to show off the European Cup. We flew down in a small six-seater plane, which was a tremendous contrast to our usual mode of travel: a big, smooth-riding jet-liner.

It was autumn, the weather wet and windy and we were thrown around the sky like a ping-pong ball on a fairground water-jet.

A great experience — to look back on.

You wouldn't expect the opening of a shop to be hazardous, but when Phil Neal and I performed the ceremony at a North London sports shop, the crowd was so large and densely-packed, we almost had to fight our way inside to start signing autographs.

There was so much jostling, the windows were in danger of caving in. That, and the fact the traffic had come to a standstill, forced the police to order the shop to close so

networked across the country over recent weekends.

For my particular "show", the film crew first came to Melwood, where I went through my training routine and made a series of saves from shots and headers fired at me by a "supporting cast" of apprentices. Then I was filmed preparing for an England game.

When the film was edited, I went down to London to record my commentary.

I was very gratified at the complimentary comments I received after the showing from people inside and outside the game.

Every year now at Liverpool one of our stalwarts is granted a testimonial, and we all gladly give our support to whoever is concerned.

This year it was Chris Lawler, one of the finest full-backs ever to wear a Liverpool shirt. Apart from playing in his testimonial — against Liverpool's "other reserves" — Swansea City, now managed by John Toshack, aided and abetted by Tommy Smith, Phil Boersma, Ian Callaghan and Alan Waddle — I was only too happy to attend dinner-dances and other functions organised to raise money for Chris's fund.

Every Sunday morning I go along to Radio City for the show I broadcast with Mickey Walsh of Everton, Mickey took over from Duncan McKenzie after "Dunc" joined Chelsea, and we have struck up a good understanding.

He makes the jokes — and I laugh. Well, sometimes.

He loves telling the Irish kind. His first was: "Did you hear about the Irishman who ate his dinner money?"

Luckily they have improved. They could hardly have got worse.

Trophies

In case you get the impression, after reading this column, my life is all frivolity, I should remind you it's mainly concerned with the serious business of preparing for, playing, and recovering from, matches that determine just how many trophies Liverpool are going to gather up at the end of season.

At this moment we are all gearing ourselves up for the League visit of Leeds United this Saturday to Anfield.

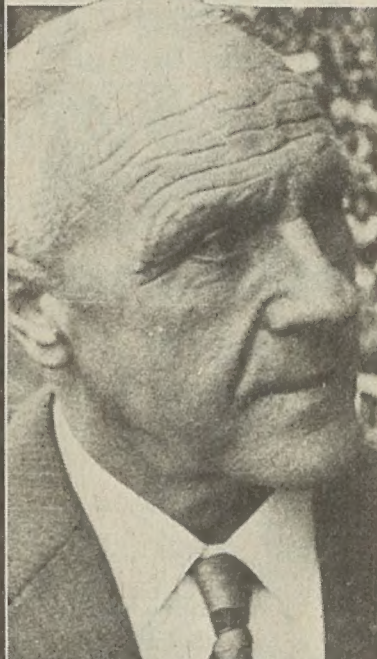
Leeds have been through a very unsettling period, losing manager Jimmy Armfield, then Jock Stein to Scotland, after only 45 days at the club. Every manager has his own ideas about training, tactics and team selection, and it takes time for players to adjust.

However, Leeds have some superb players in their squad — such as Tony Currie, Brian Flynn and the two 'keepers. David Harvey and Dave Stewart.

As usual, it'll be a hard struggle, with Liverpool looking to pick up the two home points important to a side with the Championship dead in its sights!

Ray Clemence

What BILL SHANKLY misses most...



**'Being
totally
involved'**

About Liverpool, Shankly says: "They are well-placed to win the Championship again, and at Anfield this is what is expected of the team. Liverpool are a side which must go out and win — action and movement is what they have to provide in their game."

"In our early years in Europe, we had to come to grips with the Continental style of play, their 4-4-2 formations and the way they were used. And we solved this, and went on to beat them."

THAT quote from Shankly describes his non-participation in soccer after he laid the solid foundation for a Liverpool run of success which started when he took over as manager at Anfield almost 20 years ago.

It was Shankly's arrival on Merseyside on December 1, 1959, with his unquenchable zest and genius for inspiring players, which drove Liverpool on to triumph after triumph.

Then, in a move that astonished the football world, the famous Scot retired to hand over to Bob Paisley soon after his team had gained a 3-0 F.A. Cup Final win against Newcastle United in May, 1974.

"But I am still committed to the game in other ways," explains Bill. "In many aspects, and in different forms — for example, my advice may be sought in connection with a particular player, or a certain situation, so football is a part of my life. Of course, this is not the same as giving 100 per cent of yourself to management, and it is this sense of being in the thick of things I find hard to replace."

Nevertheless, the former Anfield supreme who keeps fit with regular training stints in a field near his home in Liverpool, was present at Anfield when The Reds made their European Cup exit against Nottingham Forest, and has his views on old-rivals Everton.

"Everton so far this season have proved themselves to be a strong side, one that is hard to beat. Something more is needed, though, possibly an improvement in attack, before the team achieves all-round balance."

While Shankly was infusing his 1960's players with his own dynamism and tactics, he was also displaying acute judgment in the transfer market. He bought men of the quality of Ron Yeats, Ian St. John, Gordon Milne, Willie Stevenson, Peter Thompson, Geoff Strong and Emyln Hughes. In addition he guided to fame local products such as Roger Hunt, Jimmy Mella, Gerry Byrne, Ian Callaghan, Tommy Smith and Chris Lawler.

Says Bill: "Ian St. John and Ron Yeats were the best buys I ever made. Consider what I paid for them, £37,500 for Ian and £30,000 for Ron — then take into account the service they provided for the club, and it's easy to see they were first-class bargains."

"And wingers — what a player we had in Peter Thompson on the left, with Ian Callaghan on the right. The pair of them were match-winners, with Ian occupying a deeper-lying role than Peter."

As a patriotic Scot, Bill Shankly keeps a keen eye on how his countrymen are shaping up in international football, and is optimistic about their potential.

He says: "The squad Scotland took to Argentina was their strongest ever — they almost had too many men to choose from. There is plenty of talent available there, with Archie Gemmill, in my opinion, a terrific driving force in midfield."

"But in recent years I've been disappointed in England, who have failed to come up to expectations. Yet England have the men to build up a successful side if the right players are chosen — and if they are channelled in the right direction."

**RAY
CLEMENCE**
talking soccer

they could disperse the crowd.

Phil and I never dreamt we'd prove such an attraction outside Liverpool.

The club carefully vet every invitation, in order to safeguard our safety, before granting us permission to accept. Some are obviously too dangerous to life and limb.

For instance, the club immediately blocked Kevin Keegan and I from driving in a celebrity race in a stock car meeting once at New Brighton Stadium. And again imposed the veto when we were invited to race a mini at a proper motor-racing circuit.

Some managers — our previous boss Bill Shankly, for instance — disapproved of their players playing golf on the grounds it can be harmful as muscles are used entirely differently from football.

Bob Paisley doesn't object, however, and I seize every opportunity to swing a club, and am always willing to turn out in pro-am tournaments when able. The standard is always very high, as you would expect, and I have had the privilege of partnering several top golfers, including Peter Townsend and Guy Hunt.

I may not be much of a pop star, but I could have a future in films, if the favourable reports of my TV debut in a series about the various aspects of the game are any indication of my potential.

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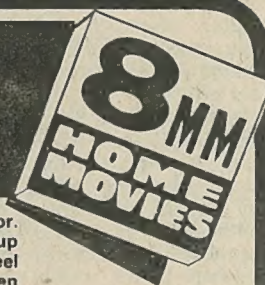
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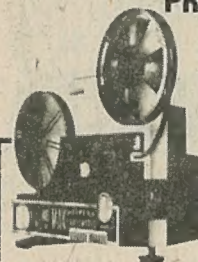
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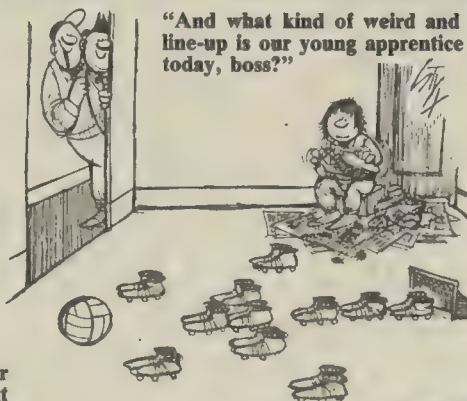
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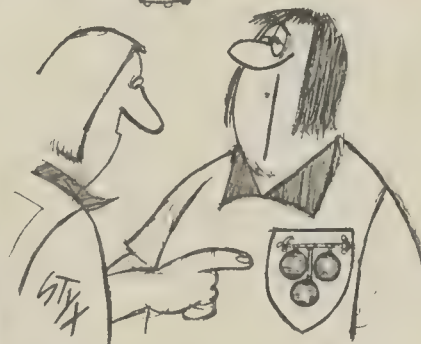
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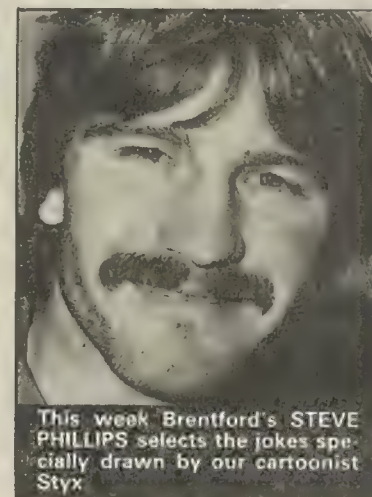
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David Cross (above) of West Ham United celebrates another goal. He could provide a big challenge from Division Two. Every picture tells a story as Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish (below) is congratulated by his team-mates after netting v. Man. City.

BOB Latchford broke the 30-goal barrier last season to clinch a £10,000 prize. It was the first time since the 1971-72 term a player from the First or Second Division had scored 30 or more Football League goals in a season.

Frannie Lee performed the feat in the 1971-72 season with Manchester City. Since that year several players have gone close to 30 League goals in a campaign. Bryan Robson hit 28 First Division goals for West Ham in 1972-73 and was followed by Wolves' John Richards with 27.

A year later Duncan McKenzie, then with Second Division Nottingham Forest, was top marksman with 26 goals. Season 1974-75 was a bad one for marksmen in the top two Divisions, Malcolm Macdonald (Newcastle) netted 21 in the First and Brian Little scored 20 in the Second.

For the start of the 1975-76 season the Daily Express offered the first of their £10,000 prizes for the player who scored 30 or more League goals in the top two Divisions.

Derek Hales of Charlton Athletic went very close to the target with 28 in the Second Division. With one game to go, Hales needed two goals at The Valley against promotion-seeking Bolton Wanderers. But Charlton lost 4-0.

Season 1976-77 had Mickey Walsh of Second Division Blackpool the leader with 26 goals. In the First Division there was a joint

top score of 25 for Andy Gray (Aston Villa) and Arsenal's Malcolm Macdonald.

Now who are the challengers this season?

Bob Latchford gave early warning he still had his shooting boots on when he scored five out of eight goals at Goodison Park against Fourth Division Wimbledon in a League Cup match.

The goals did not count, as they were not in the League, but it was evidence Latchford had every intention of being first to the 30 mark again. But goals in the League were slow in coming for the big Everton striker, although he is now getting back into his best form.

While Latchford is the current England leader, another former England star has got off to a great start — Bolton's Frank Worthington. Bolton have hardly set the First Division alight so far this season. But Worthington has been regularly among the goals in a side that concedes goals as often as the government five per-cent pay barrier is broken.

The favourite, however, must be Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish. Out of the European scene which they dominated so brilliantly, out of the League Cup following a shock defeat by Sheffield United, is added incentive for Liverpool to regain the League title from Nottingham Forest.

One dropped point out the first 22 in 11 League games this season makes bad reading for the rest of

CAN ANYONE HIT THE



the First Division clubs. Leading the goal chase for the Anfield side is Scottish international Dalglish.

His finest goal this season came in the game where they lost their first point, at West Bromwich Albion, when they drew 1-1.

It was a curious goal, but it also revealed the remarkable skill of Dalglish. West Bromwich goalkeeper Tony Godden collected the ball and had rolled it on the ground before aiming to kick it upfield. Dalglish raced like a blur for ten yards before whipping the ball into the Albion net with the 38,000 crowd stunned into silence for a moment.

Liverpool manager Bob Paisley had no doubts after the game about the value of Dalglish when he said: "Kevin Keegan is the fastest player physically I have ever seen, but Kenny Dalglish is the fastest mentally. Kenny is so quick he is in the office for his money on a Thursday, and we don't pay out until Friday!"

Dalglish led the First Division marksmen with nine League goals after scoring twice in the 5-0 victory over Derby County at Anfield, he also scored against Chelsea the following Saturday. In a team that threatens to become the first side to top 100 League goals in the First Division since Tottenham Hotspur scored 111 in the 1962-63 term



Bristol Rovers' striker Paul Randall (right) fires home against Luton. His goals have lifted Rovers into the top half of the Second Division.

"Pop" Robson and David Cross already well on the way and both have scored hat-tricks already this season.

Paul Randall from Bristol Rovers created a great impression with 20 League goals in only 31 League appearances and three of those were as a substitute in his first season.

Now Randall is again in great scoring form this season and his goals have lifted Rovers into the top half of the Second Division.

Great scorers hunt in pairs and Charlton fans were delighted when Derek Hales rejoined The Valley club. His partnership with Mike Flanagan, once Hales has recovered from injury, could see the pair chasing the 30 goals target.

Another surprise candidate could be Cardiff City's John Buchanan, scorer of seven League goals in the first eleven games played by Cardiff.

There are several other players who will also be among the strikers chasing the target.

With so much scoring talent around, there will be no need of a

30-LEAGUE-GOALS TARGET THIS SEASON?

when they finished runners-up to Everton, Dalglish is clearly on course to collect the £10,000 cheque.

A colleague at Liverpool is Graeme Souness. Not a striker, Souness is finding the net well this season with his powerful drives from outside the box.

A shock candidate is a player you will not find in any strikers' list. Midfielder John Ryan netted 15 League goals for Norwich City last season. Although five of these were from the penalty-spot, he was still the top scorer for the

Carrow Road side and looked bang in scoring form again this season.

Ted MacDougall never fails to get a decent haul of goals, and Southampton would love to see him hit the target, if only to consolidate their newly-won spot back in Division One.

One of the prime favourites would have been Malcolm MacDonald, but injury has seen "Supernac" miss a quarter of the season.

If Aston Villa's Andy Gray can steer clear of injury, he too, could

be in the running as also could West Brom's Tony Brown and Coventry's goalscoring twins Mick Ferguson and Ian Wallace.

Perhaps the biggest challenge for the prize will come from the Second Division. West Ham have a double challenge with Bryan

manager repeating the story that is told of that firm task master of earlier days at Coventry — manager Harry Storer.

After a centre-forward had missed goals galore in a match, Storer took the offender out on to the pitch after the game and walked over every inch of the pitch. At last the player became impatient and asked: "What are you looking for boss?" Storer stared at him and slowly replied: "The ruddy hole you have been hiding in all afternoon."

Bolton's Frank Worthington (left, white shirt) scores for Wanderers v. Norwich. Last season's winner Bob Latchford (below) collects an award from Adidas.



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OF ALL the performances I've seen this season two have really stood out for me ... from Kevin Keegan and Trevor Brooking for England in their European Championship tie in Denmark a couple of months ago.

The Keeg was outstanding, they say Liverpool haven't missed him up-front. That's probably true of the old Kevin Keegan.

On present form he is devastating. Think what he would do for The Reds now, playing alongside Kenny Dalglish!

Going to West Germany and Hamburger SV has definitely made Kev a better, all-round player.

Liverpool's loss is England's gain because it's at international level we are benefiting from Kevin's Continental experience.

I honestly believe he must take a lot of the credit for England's recent revival.

Since moving abroad, his pride and passion for his country has increased so much it has rubbed off on everyone around him on England get-togethers.

The heart and fire went out of our

country for a while. Kevin has put new life into us with his infectious spirit and enthusiasm.

His two-goal display against the Danes in Denmark was Kevin's best-ever for England.

Trevor Brooking also stamped his authority on that match. The West Ham star at last proved to his critics that he IS an international class midfielder.

Trevor's one weakness is his lack of finishing power. If he could score goals there wouldn't be a schemer in Europe to touch him at the moment.

Trevor is as articulate off the field as he is on. If he hadn't chosen soccer as a career he'd probably be a millionaire in some other field by now.

Kevin and Trevor have provided my superstar shows of the season so far. I've also been very impressed with the form of Manchester City's giant 'keeper Joe Corrigan.

I keep praising Joe in my columns, but I happen to believe he deserves all the publicity he gets.

He has been magic this term, especially against Derby at the

has put the heart back into ENGLAND'

lad, who was unstoppable against Manchester United in the League Cup, has a tremendous future ahead of him.

As Gordon McQueen said in his SHOOT column, the two goals by Luther which helped knock United out of the competition were the most lethal headers he'd seen for a long while.

I reckon we are going to hear an awful lot more about this young man before the season ends.

And I don't think Watford are finished winning honours just yet.

Newly promoted to the Third Division they are going well at the top of the table.

The papers talk about the exploits of Brian Clough, but Graham Taylor of Watford is the manager of the season so far for me.

For Derby, skipper Roy McFarland has played exceptionally well ... before being hit by a hamstring injury.

We all feel for Roy at the Baseball Ground. He's not had much luck with injuries over the past couple of years. Then just when he looked like having a settled run ... wham, down he goes again.

What a super pro. No grumbles,

even at troubled times from Roy. I've benefited from playing alongside him in the short time I've been at the Baseball Ground.

Gerry Daly has also been impressive for County this term. Impressive enough for Tommy Docherty to slap a massive £400,000 price on his head.

Jock Stein, former manager of Leeds United, wanted Gerry earlier this season. What a combination he'd have been with Tony Currie, who is bang in form at the moment.

I'm a Tony Currie fan, for his flair, skill and sheer goalscoring ability. He's really come on a bomb since his move to Leeds from Sheffield United.

Two other things have really impressed me recently ... the spirit of Aston Villa defender John Robson who has had to quit the game because of crippling multiple sclerosis.

Very Humble

I played for a Select XI against Villa for John's testimonial and I felt very humble indeed.

John's plight made me realise just how fortunate I am. It made my injury problems this season seem very slight.

Good luck for the future, John.

Away from football, I was delighted with Great Britain's Davis Cup tennis team reaching the Final for the first time in umpteen years.

I know John Lloyd very well from playing at Queen's Club in London.

John is a Southend United supporter and he's as eager to talk football as I am tennis, which as you know is my second favourite sport.

I don't know where John is at the moment, but I bet he'd like to be at Swindon, where Southend are playing, this Saturday (November 4th).

My team, Derby, are at home in the big Midlands clash with Wolves.

Both teams are struggling at the moment, so the battle for points will be keener than ever.

Wolves, on their day, are capable of upsetting any side. I hope they don't find their bite at the Baseball Ground this weekend.

Gordon McQueen

beginning of the season when he saved City from almost certain defeat.

Joe thoroughly deserved his call-up to the full England squad for the recent European Championship match v. Eire in Dublin.

The big feller has now been officially recognised as England's number three number one. Which is no disgrace considering one and two are Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton.

Newly-promoted Bolton aren't making a bad job of re-establishing themselves in the First Division this season.

Alan Gowling was their two-goal hero when they beat Derby at Burnenden Park in September, but the real star of the side for me this season has been ex-Leicester and England striker Frank Worthington.

Worthy — how I enjoyed his focus feature in SHOOT recently — was given the chance of a fresh start by Bolton boss Ian Greaves and he hasn't let him down.

One of the real characters of the game, Frank has been a revelation for Bolton.

A few years ago, black footballers seemed to lack the character and temperament needed to survive for very long at professional level.

Not so these days. There's a whole host of black players not only surviving in the game, but making a vital contribution to their clubs.

In fact, I reckon we could now field a good team of black players. Perhaps I'll use that idea for a future column.

The likes of Viv Anderson (Forest), Bob Hazell (Wolves), Laurie Cunningham (West Brom) and Ricky Hill (Luton) are well-known to all fans these days.

But the two black power men that have stood out for me are Cyrille Regis (West Brom) and Luther Blissett (Watford).

Mind you, the whole of the West Brom side has impressed me. But Cyrille has provided the necessary aggression up-front. He's a good hustler, difficult to shake off the ball because of his strength.

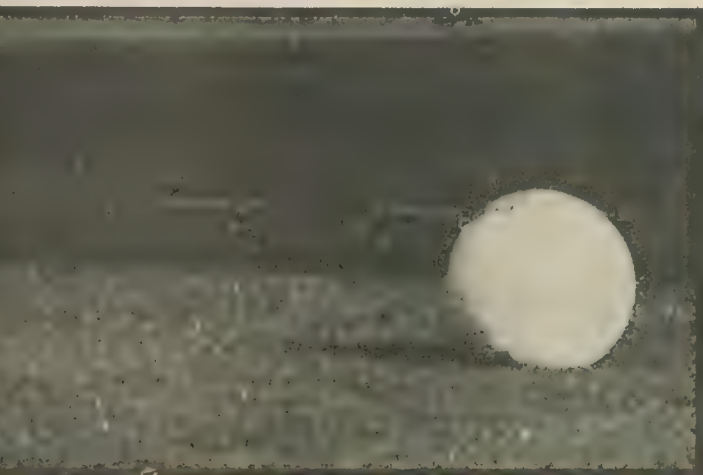
Cyrille's power in the air is vital to Albion, so is Luther Blissett's to Watford.

Unknown a few months ago, this





ABOVE . . . Bristol City goalkeeper John Shaw saves this penalty from Manchester United's Jimmy Greenhoff — somehow!
BELOW . . . Everton's Mike Pejic (left) and Neil Robinson are neck-and-neck in a chase for the ball against Queens Park Rangers.





MAIN PICTURE... Southampton's Manny Andruszewski seems bewildered by this overhead kick from Liam Brady of Arsenal.
LEFT... Martin O'Neill fires home Nottingham Forest's winner against Ipswich Town at the City Ground.
RIGHT... Manchester City's Dave Watson is on top against Bolton, but this header from a corner went wide.



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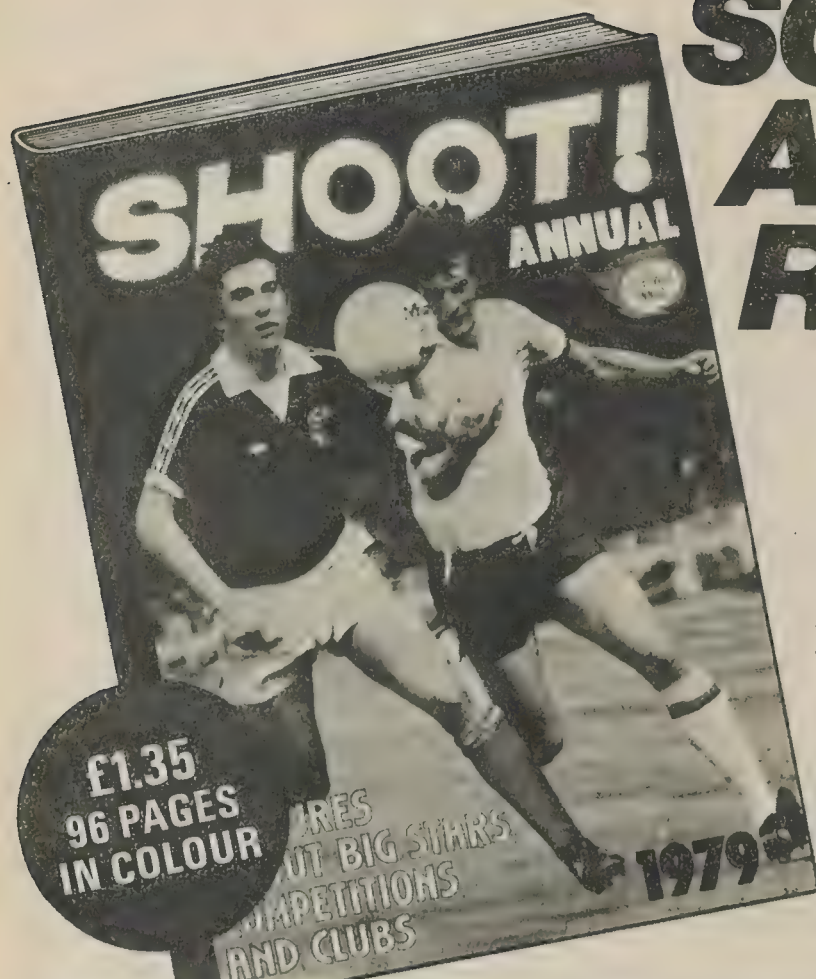
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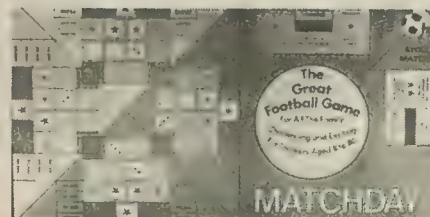
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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

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SOUTHAMPTON Saints' Title Triple

MANY of our Football League clubs have had strange beginnings. Southampton were one, they started life as Southampton St. Mary's. St. Mary's being a local church.

Southampton dropped the St. Mary's in 1897. Three years earlier they had entered the Southern League on its formation for the start of the 1894-95 season. That year also saw the club turn professional.

They had a lot of success in the Southern League in the early years. They won the title three years in a row and in 1900 they reached the Final of the F.A. Cup, then Bury beat them 4-0 at the old Crystal Palace.

Two years later, the club again reached the Final only to fail 2-1 against Sheffield United in a replay after a 1-1 draw.

Two Finals in three years and then a gap of 72 years before Southampton were to reach a Final again!

Although as recent history shows, it was well worth the long wait as Southampton beat Manchester United 1-0 at Wembley in 1976.

League football was not played at The Dell until after World War One when the Third Division (South) was formed for the 1920-21 season and Southampton were admitted.

Impression

Southampton soon made a big impression, they finished runners-up in their first season to Crystal Palace and then the following season 1921-22, they won the Third Division (South) Championship on goal-average from Plymouth.

With only one club promoted then, Plymouth were not to know it was to be the first of six successive seasons they were to finish runners-up in the Third (South).

England cricket and Southampton Football club were linked in the inter-war years as both Wally Hammond, who skippered England at cricket before and after World War Two, and batsman Johnny Arnold both played for Saints. Although Hammond had a very brief stay at The Dell.

Southampton were to stay in the Second Division until the end of the 1952-53 season. Twenty three years saw the club have a top position of third in 1947-48 and again the following season.

They say the only interesting things that happened to the club in that period was in 1928 when the East Stand was burned down and



Southampton Roll of Honour

Third Division Championship: 1959-60
Third Division (South) Championship: 1921-22
F.A. Cup winners: 1975-76

during the War when a non-football lover of the German Luftwaffe dropped a bomb smack onto the middle of the pitch, causing a huge crater and damaging an underground watercourse that flooded the pitch.

Southampton survived both fire and flood, and one of their top positions of third in 1948-49 was a remarkable, but disappointing season, for the club.

In that season Alf Ramsey and Charlie Wayman were the stars of the side that had a eight point lead at the top of the Second Division and looked certain to win promotion.

But then they cracked and were overtaken by both Fulham and West Bromwich in the last strides and missed out.

April, 1953, saw Southampton relegated to the Third Division (South) and in 1959 they became founder members of the Third Division and finished 14th.

However, the tide was turning and the following term, 1959-60, Southampton won the Third Division Championship under manager Ted Bates.

Six seasons of Second Division soccer was ended at the finish of 1965-66.

Southampton won promotion to the First Division for the first time in their history by finishing

runners-up to Second Division Champions Manchester City and a point in front of third placed Coventry City.

Top scorer for Saints that term was Martin Chivers with 30 League goals, with many of them being laid on by Terry Paine, who holds the League record for appearances, Paine finished second top scorer with 16.

Also given three League games was a young Mike Channon, who with the departure of Chivers to Spurs, was to take over the main scoring role for Southampton.

The first season in Division One was hardly one to steady the nerves. Although they scored 74 League goals with Ron Davies finishing the top marksman with 37 goals, the goals flowed in at the other end of the pitch with 92 conceded.

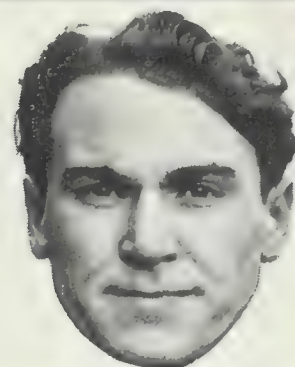
In 1973, Lawrie McMenemy who had been assistant to Ted Bates, took over as manager, with Bates now a director of the club he has served so well.

In 1974, Southampton became the first victim of the three down rule from the First Division, when they finished 20th, a point behind three other clubs, and were relegated.

Runners-up spot to Bolton last season means the Southampton fans are once again watching First Division football.

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1973-74	Mike Channon	21
1974-75	Mike Channon	19
1975-76	Mike Channon	19
1976-77	Ted MacDougall	23
1977-78	Phil Boyer	17



Charlie Wayman

LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Result	Venue
Aug			
19	Norwich C	1-3	A
22	Bolton W	2-2	H
26	Middlesbrough	2-1	H
Sept			
2	Aston Villa	1-1	A
9	Wolves	3-2	H
16	Bristol C	1-3	A
23	Derby Co	1-2	A
30	Ipswich T	1-2	H
Oct			
7	Everton	0-0	A
14	Q.P.R.	1-1	H
21	Arsenal	0-1	A
28	Nottm. For		H
Nov			
4	Man. Utd		A
11	Norwich C		H
18	Middlesbrough		A
21	Aston Villa		H
25	Leeds U		A
Dec			
2	Birmingham C		H
9	Man. City		A
16	Coventry C		H
23	W.B.A.		A
26	Chelsea		H
30	Liverpool		H
Jan			
1	Tottenham		A
13	Wolves		A
20	Bristol C		H
Feb			
3	Derby Co		H
10	Ipswich T		A
17	Everton		H
24	Q.P.R.		A
Mar			
3	Arsenal		H
10	Nottm. For		A
17	Man. Utd		H
24	Bolton W		A
31	Leeds U		H
Apr			
7	Birmingham C		A
13	W.B.A.		H
14	Chelsea		A
16	Tottenham H		H
21	Coventry C		A
28	Man. City		H
May			
5	Liverpool		A

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BACK ROW (left to right): Ivan Golac, Terry Curran, Malcolm Waldron, Mike Pickering (now Sheffield Wednesday), Nick Holmes.
CENTRE ROW: Chris Nicholl, Terry Gennoe, Lew Chatterley (coach), Peter Wells, David Peach.
FRONT ROW: Phil Boyer, Alan Ball, Lawrie McMenemy (manager), Ted MacDougall, Steve Williams.





SHOOT!

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

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PEN-PICTURES

(L. App:— League Appearances; G:— Goals; S:— Substitutes. All records to the end of the 1977-78 season)

MANNY ANDRUSZEWSKI: Central-defender or full-back signed professional in October, 1973. Born Eastleigh. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.9. L. App:— 61. G:— 2.

GRAHAM BAKER: Local born midfielder signed professional in December, 1976. Born Southampton. Ht. 5.8½. Wt. 9.9½. L. App:— 3. G:— 1.

ALAN BALL (below): Midfielder who joined Southampton in December, 1976 from Arsenal. Member of England's 1966 World Cup winning side and won 72 full England caps as well as skipping his country. Born Farnworth. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 10.5. L. App:— Blackpool 116, Everton 208, Arsenal 177, Southampton 64. G:— Blackpool 41, Everton 66, Arsenal 45, Southampton 6.



PHIL BOYER: Striker signed from Norwich City in August, 1977, for £125,000. One England cap. Born Nottingham. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.2. L. App:— York City 108 and 1 sub, Bournemouth 140 and 1 sub, Norwich 115 and 1 sub, Southampton 41. G:— York City 27, Bournemouth 46, Norwich 34, Southampton 17.

TERRY CURRAN: Winger signed from Derby County for £60,000 in August, 1978. Curran was born in Kinsley. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.3. L. App:— Doncaster 67 and 1 sub, Nottm. For. 46 and 2 sub, Bury

(loan) 2, Derby 26. G:— Doncaster 11, Nottm. For. 12, Derby 2.

TONY FUNNELL: Striker signed professional in June, 1977, and scored eight League goals in only 15 League appearances, four of them as substitute, as Saints won promotion last season. Born Eastbourne. Ht. 5.6½. Wt. 10.10. L. App:— Southampton 11 and 4 sub. G:— 8.

TERRY GENNOE: Goalkeeper signed for £35,000 in February, 1977, and made an impressive debut this season for the club. Born Shrewsbury. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 12.5. L. App:— Bury 3, Halifax 78.

IVAN GOLAC: Full-back signed in August, 1978, from Yugoslavia. Experienced professional with Partizan Belgrade Golac (below) had won four full caps for Yugoslavia. Born Yugoslavia.



AUSTIN HAYES: Striker signed professional in July, 1976. Born London. Ht. 5.5½. Wt. 9.13. L. App:— 2 and 3 sub.

TREVOR HEBBERD: Striker signed professional in July, 1976. Born Winchester. Ht. 5.11½. Wt. 11.1. L. App:— 10 and 14 sub. G:— 3.



NICK HOLMES: Midfielder signed professional in November, 1972. Holmes (above) was born Southampton. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 12.2. L. App:— 137 and 5 sub. G:— 27.



TED MacDOUGALL: Striker signed from Norwich City for £50,000 in September, 1976. MacDougall (above) has seven full caps for Scotland. Born Inverness. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.11. L. App:— York 84, Bournemouth 146, Man. Utd. 18, West Ham 24, Norwich 112, Southampton 76. G:— York 34, Bournemouth 103, Man. Utd. 5, West Ham 5, Norwich 51, Southampton 23.



CHRIS NICHOLL: Central defender signed from Aston Villa in June, 1977, for £90,000. Nicholl (above) has won 17 caps for Northern

Ireland after his appearance against the Republic of Ireland in September, 1978. Born Macclesfield. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 12.12. L. App:— Halifax 42, Luton 97, Aston Villa 210, Southampton 39. G:— Halifax 3, Luton 6, Aston Villa 11, Southampton 1.

DAVID PEACH: Defender signed from Gillingham for £50,000 in January, 1974. England Under-21 player Peach (below) has also skippered the side as an over-age player. Born Bedford. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.6. L. App:— Gillingham 186 and 1 sub, Southampton 162 and 3 sub. G:— Gillingham 30, Southampton 27.



MALCOLM WALDRON: Defender signed professional in September, 1974. Born Emsworth. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.4. L. App:— 61 and 1 sub.

PETER WELLS: Goalkeeper signed from Nottingham Forest for £8,000 in December, 1974. Born Nottingham. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 13.0. L. App:— Nottm. For. 27, Southampton 54.



STEVE WILLIAMS: Midfielder and England Under-21 cap. Williams (above) signed professional in July, 1976. Born London. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.8. L. App:— 72 and 1 sub. G:— 5.

New and old faces can combine to bring success

SOUTHAMPTON manager Lawrie McMenemy (right) has been awarded a rare honour in soccer by being given a testimonial by the directors of the club. Although he is not the first manager, it is an acknowledgement by the Southampton Board they have admired the way he has turned his back on lucrative contracts offered by more glamorous clubs in the First Division to stay on the South coast.

The big, likeable Geordie had the unnerving experience of seeing the

club relegated soon after taking over control. But with sound buys and the introduction of promising and talented youngsters, McMenemy had his reward last season when Southampton won promotion back to the First Division.

With midfield general Alan Ball, how much more experience do you want conducting operations? Then there are noted goalscorers in Phil Boyer and Ted MacDougall.

McMenemy has also introduced three newcomers to the side this season. Goalkeeper Terry Gennoe, from unfashionable Halifax Town, has taken his first team chance with both hands. Full-back Ivan Golac combines studying agricultural engineering with his football, and the Yugoslav international has added coolness in defence. While winger Terry Curran, from Derby, has added the width to the Southampton attack not seen since the hey-day of Terry Paine.



'There's no place like Turf Moor for ex-Burnley players'

says
LEIGHTON JAMES
who recently
returned to the club
from Q.P.R.

"Turf Moor has a magic all of its own. I don't know what it is," said Leighton James, Burnley's £165,000 signing from Q.P.R., "but there is something about the place."

"Perhaps Steve Kindon hit the nail on the head when he said once you've played for the club you're like a homing pigeon; they just throw seed out and we all come home to roost."

"I think it's your upbringing and the way you've been brought up at the club. It stands you in good stead all through your professional life and, if you get a chance to return, then a lot of people jump at it."

"Obviously, it feels good to be back. I spent three years away from the club which weren't as successful as I would have liked. I'm quite pleased to be back in the groove at Burnley and I'm looking forward to getting some success for myself and my club, hopefully, by winning promotion to the First Division at the end of the season and then establishing ourselves as a force in the top flight."

"That's the aim of this club and it's certainly mine as well."

Leighton is still only 25, so there's a lot of football to come from him. "I made my debut against Nottingham Forest in 1970, as a 17-year-old," he says, "and I played for Wales when I was 18. I've been around a long time. People tend to think of debutants as 20-year-olds, but it isn't always true."

How does Leighton feel about the international scene?

"I'm just hoping to play well enough to get my place back in the squad and to play in the team for their next match against Turkey in November. It's not only an honour for me still; it's an honour for the club as well."

"But my main priority is to play well for Burnley and I'm not looking any further than Saturday's match against Palace."

"The lads have got off to a good start and the team spirit and the confidence in the dressing-room is second to none. We're the first to realise there's a long way to go and a lot of good teams to beat before we can get into the First Division."

"Burnley are not normally noted for being good starters and I've come in and we're hoping to keep it going. We had a bad result against Sheffield United where we lost 4-0, but that's something which happens to every team from time to time."

"Manager Harry Potts is obviously delighted with the way the team finished off last season and the way they've opened this. The boss is the same as ever. It doesn't matter what the weather is like he's always cheerful, happy and bright."

"He bucks the lads up when they're down and gives them a rollicking when it's needed. He's been in the game a long time, he knows how to handle people and his great experience shows."

"We've got some very talented players here. There's a nucleus of 14 or 15 players who can all come in and do a good job. We've got some very good players in the reserves as well — there's some names to watch out for there. All in all the state of the club is very healthy."

The Second Division promotion race is becoming very interesting. Crystal Palace and Stoke City are most people's favourites, yet Burnley could well emerge as dark horses during the winter. Results like: Burnley 3, Brighton 0, give notice that Turf Moor wants First Division football again — and soon.



WHY ROGER DAVIES "FLOPPED"

ROGER Davies, the lanky but extremely skilful striker who has scored many exciting goals for Derby County and top Belgium side FC Bruges in the past, has rarely been able to produce his best skills since he joined Leicester City.

Davies himself admits he has been a flop at Filbert Street and because of that the striker who cost Leicester £175,000 from Bruges last December has often been regarded as a waste of money by the fans.

But few of the knocking supporters have realised Davies has often played suffering a great deal of pain from an injury which has mystified top medical specialists.

Davies, who Brian Clough snapped up out of non-League football while he was at Derby, explained: "It was one of those injuries the specialists just couldn't pin-point."

"I had pains everywhere, in my legs, hips and back. At times it even hurt me to drive my car to the ground. Occasionally it cleared up but just as I got going it returned."

The criticism by the Leicester fans hurt the player as much as the injury. He said: "It was a miserable time for them and for me. I was the record signing who was a big flop, yet I desperately wanted to do well. Far too many of my performances were rubbish and always the injury kept nagging away."

Leicester manager Jock Wallace finally decided it was time the injury was cleared up once and for all.

He packed Davies off to see a top specialist and after three days of intensive tests at a Derby hospital the complaint was finally diagnosed — a slipped disc.

The player has just undergone an operation to cure the ailment and hopes to be back in action and contention for his first team place before Christmas.

He said: "It was a great relief when they finally found out what the matter was. Now I only hope the operation is a success and I can finally justify to the Leicester fans I was a good buy and I can help get the club back in the First Division again."



Franz Beckenbauer dropped back from midfield to become a world-class sweeper. Now, he's back in

He's a nice guy, very chatty — he even lets you get a word in now and again! In the past, Duncan has been famous for his off-the-park activities like jumping over Minis and throwing a golf ball from one goal to the other. If the lads can get enough money together, perhaps he'll jump

The reader, called Francis Oakes, has the right intentions, yet just about every side does, in fact, have

It's wise to "blood" a teenager slowly, but surely. I was talking to David Hay about this the other day and this is what Jack Stein did with



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him at Celtic.

In those days, Celtic won almost every game, and Stein would bring on David for the last 20 minutes when the team was, say, 3-0 up.

When David eventually claimed a regular place, he knew what to expect thanks to his manager's shrewd guidance.

I wish I had a pound for every letter I've had about our remarkable

game against Bolton! It's still difficult to explain and certainly I've never been in a team that's come back from 0-3, let alone in the last quarter of an hour!

Let's face it, we were "dead" at half-time. Three goals down... it was impossible to be confident, even though we'd created a few chances.

We needed a quick goal, and when Tommy Langley's header flashed past a post, I thought that was that.

Once we made it 1-3, I knew we could salvage something. I ran to the back of the net, picked up the ball, and placed it on the centre-spot. I wanted to get on with the game, because I could see Bolton were rattled.

It was a match in a million as we pulled back to win 4-3, but Bolton want shooting! There is no way anyone should ever lose a 3-0 lead, especially in the last 15 minutes. I hate to take anything away from our lads, who showed a lot of character. It would, though, be true to say Bolton lost the game rather than Chelsea won it.

This Saturday (November 4th) we have a London derby away to Queens Park Rangers. Mind you, I've always considered this virtually a home game, as there seems to be more Chelsea fans than Rangers at Loftus Road when we play.

Rangers haven't had a great start to the season, although they've

managed to pick up points when not playing particularly well, which is vital in Division One.

They have some excellent players, notably goalkeeper Phil Parkes, captain John Hollins and midfielders Gerry Francis and Stan Bowles.

John is a perfect pro, a fine example to all young footballers. By all accounts, he's playing better than ever in a new role of sweeper. He helped me a lot with his experience when he was at Stamford Bridge and now he's doing a good job at Rangers.

I like Stan Bowles. I know him quite well and his on-field image is not the real Stan. He plays to the crowd, who love to hate him, and he enjoys it as much as they do. He's a quiet guy, not the extrovert he is when he plays.

His close skills are incredible and I don't think he's given the credit he deserves for his passing ability.

Join me again in a fortnight, when I'll be assessing England's European Championship campaign so far and looking forward to the friendly against European Champions Czechoslovakia.

Ray Wilkins



"Franz Beckenbauer, world-class in defence or midfield."



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Rolando Ugolini

Who was the Italian goalkeeper who played for Middlesbrough some years ago?

MICHAEL SPEDDY,
MILTON KEYNES

His name was Rolando Ugolini, Michael, and he was born in the Italian town of Lucca.

However, his parents came to Glasgow when he was still a baby, and young Rolando became a naturalised Briton.

Very popular with the fans because of his spectacular style, he couldn't speak any of his native tongue — only English with a thick Scottish accent!

Ugolini spent the early post-War years as Celtic's number two 'keeper, but was transferred to Middlesbrough in 1948.

There he immediately gained a place in the League side — and kept it as a regular for the next eight seasons.

Ted is tops

Of all men still playing today, who's scored the most Football League goals?

ANDREW MEEK,
YORK

Southampton's former Scottish international Ted MacDougall leads the way there, Andrew.

Up to the start of this season, the 'other SuperMac' had notched up a total of 235 goals spread around six clubs — 34 for York, 103 for Bournemouth, five for Manchester United, five for West Ham, 51 for Norwich, and 37 for Southampton.

SHORT PASSES

Northern Ireland and Wales both reached the Quarter-Finals in the 1958 World Cup in Sweden.

(JEREMY COX, Co. Down)

England's first official international was a 0-0 draw with Scotland in Glasgow on 30th November, 1872.

(JEREMY CORDING, Norwich)

Middlesbrough's George Hardwick was captain in England's first full international after the last War.

(JEFFREY WOODHOUSE,
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Two young strikers who've made big impacts this season

WHETHER you like them or loathe them — you've simply got to hand it to Brian Clough and Peter Taylor, for in Gary Birtles, the crack managerial duo have unearthed a star of the future.

The fee £2,000 — chicken feed to the amount being asked for players of promise these days.

It must have taken guts and plenty of self confidence to sell Peter Withe to Newcastle after the first match of the season; yet, as we all know, Clough and Taylor lack neither.

Birtles, once known as the floor layer from Long Eaton, grabbed his

chance as he came into the side for the fifth match of the campaign against Arsenal on September 9th, and it was from that game onwards Forest began to win again.

But it was in the European Cup-tie at the County Ground the following Wednesday night Gary first showed just what he is capable of achieving.

A goal after 26 minutes from a pass by Woodcock. A thundering shot a little earlier on which Clemence tipped over the bar. Then with three minutes remaining the flamboyant Birtles raced

along the left, stumbled momentarily as Phil Thompson lunged in to tackle, recovered and crossed finding the head of Woodcock, who nodded down for left-back Barrett to slam home.

The TV cameras caught the action well and the footballing public realised here was a player who was going places.

Gary, 22, hails from Chilwell, about five miles outside Nottingham and before joining Forest in November, 1976, played all his football with local clubs, among them Long Eaton United of the Midland League and Long Eaton Rovers of the Notts Sunday League, where in season 75/76 he notched over 50 goals.

Standing a fraction over six feet and weighing in at around 12 stone, Gary made his debut for Forest against Hull City on March 12th, 1977, as a midfielder and went close to scoring on two occasions.

Since the Liverpool triumph Birtles has kept his place and his scoring record up. Against Middlesbrough he arrogantly beat two men before leaving Stewart in the Boro goal helpless.

At Villa Park, when the home team took the lead from a Tommy Craig spot-kick, it was Birtles who fired the life back into Forest with



a twice taken by-line chip for Woodcock to force past Rimmer.

And as Oxford were crushed 5-0 in the Third Round of the League Cup Birtles the aggressive started the romp with a 24th minute glancing header from a Martin O'Neill cross.

Wolves were next to feel the full sting of the menacing Birtles, as the centre-forward from nowhere took his goalscoring tally to five in eight matches with two superbly taken goals.

Then he played with maturity and composure to help Forest beat AEK Athens 2-1 away in the first-leg of their Second Round European Cup-tie.

Gary's goal before half-time left the Greeks despondent. Finding himself unmarked in the penalty-area, following a fine run by Frank Clark, Gary calmly sidestepped the 'keeper and then drew AEK skipper Nikolaov before slipping the ball past him into an empty net.

The accolades have showered on Gary the Glitter of Forest and deservedly so. But the publicity that instant success brings won't go to the newcomer's head; Clough and Taylor will see to that.



Another goal for Forest — this time against Wolves. Birtles scored twice in their 3-1 win.

LUTHER BLISSETT — Watford's sensational League Cup 'winner'

YOU can't really describe Watford striker Luther Blissett as a new discovery. Blissett, now aged 20, has been with the Vicarage Road club for three years after joining from school and signing professional forms virtually straightaway.

But the fact is Blissett really only began to hit the headlines this season. And two matches in particular thrust the Jamaican-born youngster into the spotlight — League Cup-ties against Newcastle and Manchester United.

Blissett scored both goals to send ex-First Division Newcastle tumbling out of the Cup in the Second Round at Vicarage Road and then headed two more to give lively Watford another sparkling

and sensational win v Manchester United at Old Trafford.

Mike Keen was the man who brought young Blissett to Watford. But it is present manager Graham Taylor who has really helped bring on the talented black youngster. Blissett accepts the vast part Taylor has played in helping him progress.

He says: "Graham Taylor is certainly the best manager I have played under. He has taught me a great deal about the game; things like how to create space for myself and for other players. And also about my responsibility to the rest of the side — that's important, too. He can motivate you very well and gets us going again after setbacks. He has a very good grasp of tactics, too, which he proved time and again last season."

Blissett describes the last 15 months as a "tremendous time at Watford." He adds: "It's got to be down to Graham Taylor. Since he came, things have changed enormously. The club is a lot more organised nowadays and he has changed so many things about the club."

Blissett smiles when he hears suggestions those goals against Newcastle and Manchester United really made his name. "I did play a few times last year," he says. "In fact, I felt I played quite well last term when I got into the side. I felt my two best games were probably the toughest matches we had all season."

"We played West Bromwich Albion at The Hawthorns in a Third Round League Cup-tie. We lost 1-0 but did ever so well and I thought I played pretty well. We then went to London to play West Ham in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup — and again lost 1-0. But again, I was happy with my performance and the whole side did well."

"Scoring twice against Newcastle was — bonus really. It was the first time I'd ever scored two goals in one match for the Watford senior side. That made it some-



thing really special for me."

Blissett believes Watford's all out attacking formation — home and away — has been decisive in getting them promotion from the Fourth Division. And when they led the Third Division table after the first 14 or so League games this season, Elton John and his club had high hopes of climbing into Division Two at the end of this season.

"We have surprised a lot of teams by attacking them on their own ground," says Blissett. "I'm sure that's one of the reasons why we have done so well. I think we are capable of going straight through to the Second Division as long as we listen to what the boss says and keep attacking and concentrating."

Blissett has a great ambition — to play in the First Division. "But I'd like to get there with Watford," he says.



Blissett heads the first goal in Watford's sensational 2-1 League Cup win at Manchester United.

RESULTS... SCORERS... TEAM LINE-UPS

TUESDAY, OCT. 3

LEAGUE CUP (Third Round) (Continued)

LUTON (0) 2 (Hill, Hatton)
CREWE (0) 1 (Bowles pen.) 6,602
Luton: Aleksic; Price, Aizlewood, Hill, Turner, Donaghy, West, Fuccillo, Stein, Hatton, Moss.
Crewe: Caswell; Devan, Roberts, Rimmer, Bowles, Willshaw, Davies, Purdie, Nelson, Tully (Coyle), Robertson.

NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Reilly)
STOKE (1) 3 (Dodd, O'Callaghan, Kendall) 11,235
Northampton: Poole, Geimintis, Mead, Woollett, Robertson, Bryant, Farrington, Williams, Cordice (Wassell), Reilly, Christie.
Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Dodd, Heath, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Richardson (Busby).

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Styles)
SWINDON (0) 1 (Aizlewood) 6,132
Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Styles, Doyle, Green, Ross, Carmichael, McEwan, Butlin, Anderson (Robertson), Robson.
Swindon: Ogden; Trollope, Ford, McHale, Lewis, Stroud, Kamara, Carter, Aizlewood, Bates, Cunningham.

QPR (2) 2 (McGee, Eastoe)
SWANSEA (0) 0 18,513
Q.P.R.: Richardson; Shanks, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Cunningham, Eastoe, Francis, Harkouk, Bowles (Abbott), McGee.
Swansea: Crudgington; Evans, Bartley, Smith, Bruton, Stevenson, Boersma (Morris), James, Waddle, Toshack, Callaghan.

ROTHERHAM (0) 2 (Finney pen., Crawford)
READING (0) 2 (Earles 2) 6,847
Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Finney, Green, Flynn, Dawson, Phillips, Gwyther, Crawford, Smith.
Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Hetzke, Kearney, Sanchez, Lewis.

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Boyer)
DERBY (0) 0 19,109
Southampton: Gennoe; Golac, Peach (Hebbard), Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Curran.
Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Daly, McFarland (Moreland), McCaffrey, Powell, Clark, Caskey, George, Daniel.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4

LEAGUE CUP (Third Round)

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Spence)
MAN. CITY (1) 1 (Channon) 18,868
Blackpool: Hesford; Gardner, Pashley, Thompson, Suddaby, McEwan, Chandler, Ronson, Spence (Wagstaffe), Davidson, Hockaday.
Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Power, Channon, Owen, Kidd, Hartford, Barnes (Palmer).

CHESTER (0) 0
NORWICH (0) 2 (Reeves, Peters) 8,749
Chester: Lloyd; Nickeas, Raynor, Storton, Jeffries, Oakes, Delgado (Phillips), Livermore, Edwards, Mellor, Walker.
Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Hoadley, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Robb, Robson, Peters.

CHESTERFIELD (2) 4 (Tartt 2, Flavell, Walker)
CHARLTON (2) 5 (Robinson 2, Peacock 2, Flanagan) 6,459
Chesterfield: Letheran; Flavell, Burton, Hunter, O'Neill, Prohett, Tartt, Kowalski, Fern, Salmons, Walker.
Charlton: Wood; Madden, Campbell, Tyde-man, Shipperley, Shaw, Robinson, Brisley, Flanagan, Peacock, Grift.

EXETER (1) 2 (Delve, Kellow)
BOLTON (0) 1 (Gowling) 9,151
Exeter: O'Keefe; Templeman, Hore, Randall, Giles, Roberts, Holman, Kellow, Bowker, Delve, Hatch.

Bolton: Poole; Graham (Reid), Burke, Greaves, Walsh, Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Gowling, Worthington, Smith.

MAN. UTD (1) 1 (Jordan)
WATFORD (0) 2 (Blissett 2) 40,534
Man. U: Roche; Albiston, Houston, Greenhoff (B), (McCreery), McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Jordan; McIlroy, Grimes.
Watford: Rankin, Stirk, Harrison, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Pollard, Blissett, Jenkins, Joslyn, Downes.

OXFORD (0) 0
NOTTM FOREST (3) 5 (Birtles, McGovern, O'Neill, Robertson, Anderson) 14,287
Oxford: Burton; Fogg, Watson, Bodel, McIntosh, Jeffrey, McGrogan, Taylor, Foley, Curran (White), Seacole.
Nottm. F: Shilton; Anderson, Bowyer, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Birtles, Woodcock (O'Hare), Robertson.

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Little)
C. PALACE (0) 1 (Chatterton pen.) 30,690
Villa: Rimmer; Gregory, Williams, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Craig, Little, Deehan, Shelton (Phillips), Carrodus.
Palace: Burridge, Hinchelwood, Sansom, Chatterton, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy, Swindlehurst, Elwiss, Hilaire.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP (Third Round)

ARBROATH (0) 1 (Gavine)
AIRDRIE (1) 1 (McCann) 960
Arbroath: Lister; Follon, Rylance, Gargill, Wells, Fettes, Fletcher, McKenzie, Gavine, Kidd, Yule.
Airdrie: Poulton; Jonquin, Lapsley, Walker, Black, Anderson, McCann, Clark, Goldthorpe, Smith, Wilson.

CELTIC (0) 0
MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Pettigrew) 19,000
Celtic: Latchford; Filippi, Lynch, Aitken, McDonald, Edvaldsson, Provan, Conroy (Glavin), McAdam (McCluskey), Burns, Conn.
Motherwell: Latchford; Shanks, Boyd, Capaldi (Larnach), McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, Clinging (McLeod), McLaren, Lindsay.

FALKIRK (0) 0
AYR (1) 2 (McCall, McLaughlin) 4,500
Falkirk: McKell; Johnston, Stevenson, Oliver, Hamilton, Brown, Hoggan, Hay, McRoberts, McCallan, Mitchell.
Ayr: Sproat; Wells, Connor, Hyslop (McColl), McAllister, McSherry, McCall, McLaughlin, Masterton, Cramond, Christie.

HAMILTON (0) 0
ABERDEEN (1) 1 (Scanlon) 4,500
Hamilton: Ferguson; Grant, Kellachan, Fairlie, Dempsey, Alexander, Young, Graham, Howie (McGrogan), Glavin, Reilly.
Aberdeen: Leighton; Kennedy, McLelland, McMaster, McLeish, Miller, Davidson, Strachan, Fleming, Jarvie, Scanlon.

HIBS (1) 1 (McLeod A. pen.)
CLYDEBANK (0) 0 5,000
Hibs: McDonald; Duncan, Smith, Rae, Fleming, McNamara, Murray, McLeod, Hutchinson, Callachan, Higgins.
Clydebank: Hunter; Hall, Abel, Fallon, McCormack, Fanning, McDougall, Houston, Miller, Given, Colgan.

KILMARNOCK (2) 2 (Kearney, Maxwell)
MORTON (0) 0 4,000
Kilmarnock: McCulloch; McLean, Robertson, Jardine, Clarke, McDicken, Doherty, McDowall, Carney (Street), Maxwell, Clark.
Morton: Connaghan; Miller, Holmes, McLaren, Orr, Rooney (Rae), Russell, McNeill, Thomson, Scott, Ritchie.

RAITH (2) 3 (Harrow 2, Forrest)
MONTROSE (0) 0 2,310
Raith: McDermott; Houston, Candlish, Forsyth, Taylor, McFarlane, Wallace, Urquhart, Harrow, Murray, Forrest.
Montrose: Gorman; Lowe, Johnston, Ford, Darcy (D), Joss (Murray), McIntosh, Darcy (B), Georgeson, Walker, Miller.

RANGERS (0) 3 (Cooper, Miller, Johnstone)
ST. MIRREN (1) 2 (Fitzpatrick 2) 18,000

Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Forsyth (A), Forsyth (T), Miller, MacDonald (Watson), McLean (Cooper), Russell, Parlane, Johnstone, Smith.
St. Mirren: Thomson; Beckett, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Hyslop, Stark, Bone, Abercrombie, McGarvey.

FRIDAY, OCT. 6

SECOND DIVISION

CHARLTON (0) 0
ORIENT (2) 2 (Moore 2) 11,024
Charlton: Wood; Madden, Campbell, Tyde-man, Shipperley, Shaw (Powell), Bisley, Robinson, Flanagan, Peacock, Grift.
Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Gray, Went, Hughton, Moores, Mayo, Kitchen, Coates.

THIRD DIVISION

COLCHESTER (0) 3 (Rowles, Evans, Gough)
SWINDON (2) 2 (Gilchrist, Bates) 3,324
Colchester: Walker; Cook, Packer, Hodge, Wignall, Bunkell, Evans, Gough, Dyer, Rowells, Allinson.
Swindon: Ogden; Trollope, Ford, McHale, Lewis, Stroud, Gilchrist, Carter, Rowland (Aizlewood), Bates, Kamara.

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (1) 1 (Sunderland)
ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Gregory) 34,537
Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Walford, Rix.
Villa: Rimmer; Gregory, Williams, Evans (A), McNaught, Mortimer, Craig, Little, Deehan, Phillips, Carrodus.

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Ainscow)
MAN. CITY (2) 2 (Kidd, Futcher, R.) 18,378
Birmingham: Montgomery; Van den Hauwe (Fox), Dennis, Dillon, Gallagher, Towers, Page, Ainscow, Givens, Emmanuel, Barrowclough.
Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Owen, Channon, Kidd, Futcher (R), Hartford, Barnes (Henry).



A goal by Joe Jordan helped Manchester United to a 3-2 win v. Middlesbrough.

BOLTON (0) 3 (Morgan, Smith, Worthington)
LEEDS (1) 1 (Graham) 27,751
Bolton: McDonagh; Jones (P), Burke, Greaves, Walsh, Allardyce, Morgan, Gowling (Dunne), Worthington, Reid, Smith.
Leeds: Harvey; Stevenson, Cherry, Flynn, Hart, Madeley, Harris, Hankin, Gray (E), Gray (F), Graham.

COVENTRY (0) 2 (Green, Thompson)
IPSWICH (2) 2 (Osman, Woods) 21,859
Coventry: Sealey; Coop, McDonald, Yorath, Holton, Hagen, Hutchison, Powell (Green), Thompson, Wallace, Hunt.
Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Osman, Hunter, Beattie, Wark, Talbot, Mariner, Muhren, Woods.

DERBY (0) 1 (Harris o.g.)
CHELSEA (0) 0 20,251
Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Daly, McCaffrey, Moreland (Rioch), Carter, Powell, Caskey, George, Clarke.
Chelsea: Iles; Hay, Stride, Britton, Wicks, Harris, Swain, Wilkins (R), Langley, Lewington, Garner.

EVERTON 0
SOUTHAMPTON 0 38,769
Everton: Wood; Todd, Pejic, Lyons, Wright, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, Walsh, Thomas.
Southampton: Gennoe; Andruszewski, Golac (Hebbard), Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Holmes, Boyer MacDougall, Curran.

MAN. UTD. (2) 3 (Macari 2, Jordan)
MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Mills, Burns) 45,402
Man. U: Roche; Albiston, Houston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J) (Grimes), Jordan, Macari, McCreery.
Middlesbrough: Stewart; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, Remage, McAndrew, Mills, Burns, Ashcroft, Armstrong.

NORWICH (0) 1 (Ryan, pen.)
LIVERPOOL (3) 4 (Heighway 2, Johnson, Case) 25,832
Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Hoadley, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Robb (Davies), Robson, Peters.
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Delgish, Case, Heighway, Johnson, Souness.

NOTTM. FOREST (1) 3 (Birtles 2, O'Neill)
WOLVES (0) 1 (Eves) 29,313
Nottm. F: Shilton; Anderson, Clark, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Birtles, Woodcock (Bowyer), Robertson.
Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, Hazell, McAile, Patching, Carr (Bell), Arkwright, Eves, Daley.

Q.P.R. (0) 1 (Busby)
BRISTOL C. (0) 0 15,707
Q.P.R.: Parkes; Shanks, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Cunningham, Eastoe, Francis, Harkouk (Busby), Bowles, McGee.
Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Gillies, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Mann, Whitehead.

W.B.A. (0) 0
TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Taylor) 33,211
W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Cunningham, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Treweek, Brown (T).
Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, McAllister, Holmes, Armstrong, Perryman, Hoddle, Ardiles, Lee, Pratt, Taylor.

SECOND DIVISION

BRISTOL R. (3) 4 (Randell 3, Williams)
BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Craig) 7,111
Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Day, Taylor, Prince, Dennehy, Williams, Staniforth, Randall, Clarke.
Blackburn: Butcher; Fazakerley, Bailey, Metcalfe, Kealey, Waddington, Brotherton, Fowler, Craig, Birchenall, Aston (Round).

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Smith)
OLDHAM (0) 0 11,648
Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Smith, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, James.
Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Blair, Bell, Hicks (Taylor), Edwards, Valentine, Halom, Young, Chapman, Gardner.

CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Finney)
PRESTON (0) 0 5,398
Cambridge: Webster; Howard, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Leach, Graham, Spriggs, Murray, Finney, Biley.

Preston: Tunks; Coleman, Wilson, Doyle, Baxter, Uzelac, Potts, Haslegrave, Cochrane, Burns (Thomson), Bruce.

CARDIFF (0) 2 (Buchanan, Stevens)

NOTTS CO. (1) 3 (Hooks 2, McCulloch) 7,974
Cardiff: Healey; Dwyer, Pethard, Campbell, Pontin, Larmour, Grapes, Buchanan, Stevens, Bishop, Lewis.

Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Benjamin, Blockley (Hunt), Stubbs, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Mann, Vinter.

C. PALACE (0) 3 (Hilaire 2, Swindlehurst)

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Horton) 33,685
Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Chatterton, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy, Swindlehurst (Walsh), Elwiss, Hilaire.

Brighton: Steele; Tiler (Sayer), Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Ryan, Ward, Maybank, Clark, O'Sullivan.

FULHAM (1) 2 (Greenaway, Gale)

STOKE (0) 0 12,531
Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Lock, Money, Gale (Evanson), Bullivant, Davies, Guthrie, Margerrison, Greenaway.
Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Scott (Busby), Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Dodd, Heath, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Richardson.

LUTON (2) 2 (Stein, Fuccillo)

WREXHAM (1) 1 (Thomas) 8,882
Luton: Aleksic; Price, Aizlewood (Jones), Hill, Turner, Donaghy, Stein, West, Fuccillo, Hatton, Moss.

Wrexham: Niedzwiecki; Hill, Whittle, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Griffiths (Lyons), Cartwright.

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Walker)

LEICESTER (0) 0 25,374
Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Kelly (McGhee), Suggett, Price, Blackley, Walker, Mitchell, Withe, Hibbitt, Connolly.
Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, May, Sims, Kelly, Weller, Kember, Hughes, Welsh (Williams), Christie.



West Ham's Bryan Robson scored all three goals in their 3-0 win against Millwall.

SHEFF. UTD (0) 3 (Anderson 2, Finnieston)
SUNDERLAND (1) 2 (Rowell, Lee) 18,873
Sheff. U: Johns; Cutbush, Calvert, Speight, Matthews, Kenworthy, Anderson, Harwood, Finnieston, Hamson, Sabella.

Sunderland: Siddall; Coady, Bolton, Chisholm, Clarke, Elliott, Rostron (Lee), Brown, Entwistle, Docherty, Rowell.

WEST HAM (1) 3 (Robson 3, 1 pen.)

MILLWALL (0) 0 22,000
West Ham: Ferguson; Lampard, Brush, Bonds, Taylor (T), Holland, Curbishley, Robson, Cross, Brooking, Devonshire.
Millwall: Cuff; Hamilton (B) (Cross), Gregory, Tagg, Kitchener, Gale, Donaldson, Seasman, Mitchell, Pearson, Walker.

THIRD DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (0) 2 (Spence, Chandler)

LINCOLN (0) 0 7,080
Blackpool: Hesford; Gardner, Pashley, Thompson, Suddaby, McEwan, Chandler, Ronson (Wagstaffe), Spence, Davidson, Hockaday.
Lincoln: Turner; Guest, Leigh, McCalliagh, Wigginton, Cooper, Hobson, Sunley, Cokerill, Hubbard, Watson.

BRENTFORD (0) 0

BURY (0) 1 (Beamish) 5,850
Brentford: Porter; Salman, Tucker, Shrubbs, Kruse, Fraser (Allder), Carlton, Graham (J), Frost, McCulloch, Phillips.
Bury: Forrest; Ritson, Kennedy, Lugg, Tucker, Hamstead, Stanton, Wilson, Beamish, Gregory, Taylor.

CARLISLE (0) 1 (Bonnyman)

PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Perrin) 5,731
Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, McDonald, Ludlam, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Kemp, Tait, Hamilton.
Plymouth: Hodge; Bason, Rogers (Graves), Taylor, Foster, Clarke, Megson, Fear, Binney, Perrin, Johnson.

CHESTER (1) 2 (Edwards, Phillips)

WATFORD (1) 1 (Blissett) 6,468
Chester: Lloyd; Nickeas, Raynor, Storton, Jeffries, Phillips, Delgado, * Livermore, Edwards, Mellor, Walker.
Watford: Garner; Stirik, Harrison, Booth, Bolton, Pollard, Blissett, Jenkins, Joslyn, Downes.

CHESTERFIELD (1) 2 (Fern, Cammack)

SWANSEA (1) 1 (Charles) 7,033
Chesterfield: Letheran; Flavell (Cammack), Burton, Hunter, Cottam, Proffitt, Tart, Kowalski, Fern, Salmons, Walker.
Swansea: Crudginton; Evans, Bartley, Smith, Bruton, Charles, Moore (Baker), James, Waddle, Boersma, Callaghan.

EXETER 0

GILLINGHAM 0 4,241
Exeter: O'Keefe; Templeman, Hore, Randall, Giles, Roberts, Holman, Kellow, Bowker, Delve, Mitchell.
Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Armstrong, Overton, Weatherley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hughes, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

HULL (0) 1 (Lord)

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Styles) 4,531
Hull: Wealands; Nisbet, DeVries, Croft, Horswill, Haigh, Hood (Galvin), Lord, Edwards, Banister, Farley.
Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Styles, Doyle, Green, Ross, Carmichael, McEwan, Butlin, Anderson (Robertson), Robson.

OXFORD 0

TRANMERE 0 3,853
Oxford: Burton; Fogg, Watson, Bodel, McIntosh, Jeffrey, McGroggan (White), Taylor, Foley, Hodgson, Seacole.

Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Bramhall, Postlewaite, Peplow, O'Neil, Moore, Evans, McAuley.

ROTHERHAM (0) 0

SHEFF. WED (0) 1 (Wylde) 13,746
Rotherham: McAister; Pugh, Breckin, Finney, Green, Forrest, Dawson, Phillips, Gwyther, Crawford, Smith.
Sheff. W: Bolder; Blackhall, Grant, Rushberry, Pickering, Smith, Wylde, Porterfield, Johnson, Leman, Hornsby.

SHREWSBURY (2) 2 (Maguire 2)

MANSFIELD (1) 2 (Moss, Bird) 4,338
Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Larkin, Turner, Griffin, Hayes, Chapman, Tong (Lindsay), Atkins, Biggins, Maguire.
Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Foster (B), Saxby (G), Saxby (M), McClelland, Miller, Goodwin, Moss, Martin (Phillips), Allen.

WALSALL (1) 1 (Buckley pen.)

SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Cusack) 4,911
Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Caswell (Kelly), Sbragia, Serella, King, Birch, Waddington, Austin, Buckley, McDonough.
Southend: Cawston; Stead, Yates, Laverick, Cusack, Moody, Morris, Pountney, Hadley, Dudley, Fell.

FOURTH DIVISION

BARNSELY (1) 1 (Clarke)

NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Farrington) 10,102
Barnsley: Springett; Collins, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Little, Clarke, Riley (Prendergast), Millar, Peachey.
Northampton: Pogle; Geidmintis, Mead, Woollett, Robertsoh, Bryant, Farrington, Williams (Saunders), Froggatt, Wassell, Christie.

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0

ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Dungworth) 4,605
Bournemouth: Allen; Cunningham, Miller, Impney, Brown (R), Barton, Borthwick (Johnson), Showers, Butler (M), Massey, Brown (K).
Aldershot: Johnson; Edwards, Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Longhorn, Brodie, Shanahan (Crosby), Dungworth, McGregor.

CREWE (2) 6 (Bowles pen., Coyne 2, Wilshaw, Davies, Purdie)

TORQUAY (1) 2 (Cooper 2) 1,854
Crewe: Caswell; Bevan, Roberts, Rimmer, Bowles, Wilshaw, Davies, Coyne, Purdie, Tully, Robertson.
Torquay: Turner; Twitchin, Darke, Davies, Green, Dunne, Wilson, Lawrence, Cooper, Murphy, Raper (Bicknell).

DONCASTER (1) 2 (Owen, Edwards o.g.)

STOCKPORT (0) 0 2,742
Doncaster: Peacock; Reed, Hemsley, Lally, Bradley, Taylor, Habbins, Lewis, Owen, French, Laidlaw.
Stockport: Rogan; Thorpe, Rutter, Thompson, Edwards, Park, Henson, Armstrong, Bradd, Loadwick (Fogarty), Lee.

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0

DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Maitland, Stone) 4,853
Hartlepool: Platt; Smith, Gorry, Lawrence, Brooks, Ayre, Linacre, Goldthorpe, Houchan, Crumplin, Guy.
Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Stone, Maitland, Lyons, Seal, Probert, Wann.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Bielby pen.)

WIGAN (0) 1 (Brownbill) 5,150
Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Holmes, Hanvey, Topping, Gray, Hart, Campbell, Robins, Bielby.
Wigan: Brown; Smart, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward, Fretwell, Corrigan (Crompton), Wright, Moore, Brownbill, Purdie.



Dave Galvin had a good game for Wimbledon when they beat York City 4-1.

PORT VALE (1) 1 (Chamberlain)

GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Liddell) 3,433
Port Vale: Connaughton; Keenan, Bentley, Ridley, Sproson, Hawkins, Sutcliffe, Healy, Wright, Todd, Chamberlain.
Grimsby: Batch; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Crombie, Ford, Partridge, Liddell, Drinkell, Brolly.

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Denyer)

HEREFORD (0) 0 11,949
Portsmouth: Mellor; Ellis, Viney, Denyer, Foster, Piper, Hemmerman (McCaffrey), Lathan, Davey, Garwood, Pullar.
Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Marshall, Layton, Emery, Bailey, Holmes (K), Jones (Holmes. W.), Gould, Spiring.

READING (1) 3 (Hetzke, Kearney, Sanchez)

BRADFORD C (0) 0 5,651
Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Hetzke, Kearney, Sanchez, Lewis.
Bradford C: Downsborough; Reaney, Wood, Bates, Baines, Dolan, Podd, Johnson, Cooke, McNiven, Hutchins.

ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Hoy)

HALIFAX (1) 1 (Bell) 1,579
Rochdale: Felgate; Hallows, Snookes, Hart, Scott, Scaife, Hoy, O'Loughlin, Owen, Esser, Mullington (Hilditch).
Halifax: Leonard; Bradley, Loska, Johnson, Burke, Dunleavy, Firih, Carroll, Mountford (Smith), Lawson, Bell.

SCUNTHORPE (1) 2 (Deere, Oates)

NEWPORT (2) 3 (Bailey, Lowndes, Sinclair) 2,453
Scunthorpe: Crawford; O'Donnell, Peacock, Oates, Deere, Czuczman, Bloomer, Gibson, Wigg, Kilmore, Kavanagh.
Newport: Plumley; Walden, Byrne, Warriner, Oakes, Davies, Lowndes, Woods, Goddard, Sinclair, Bailey (Vaughan).

YORK (0) 1 (Loggie)

WIMBLEDON (2) 4 (Parsons, Knowles, Leslie, Cork) 3,329
York: Neenan; Kay, Walsh, Collier, Faulkner, Clements, Young, Stronach, Randall, Loggie, Stanforth.
Wimbledon: Goddard; Bryant, Eames, Galliers, Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie, Denny, Knowles, Cork, Parsons.

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STEVE Hunt, Coventry's £40,000 striker, turned down the chance of a dollar fortune to prove a point and calmly says: "Money is not everything. I know what I'm doing."

Hunt joined the soaring Sky Blues from North American League glamour boys the Cosmos and made an immediate impact scoring a goal in Coventry's 2-0 win at Derby.

He had just helped Cosmos take the NASL play-off with a 3-1 win against Tampa Bay Rowdies — and that was the second successive year in which Hunt had found success.

He had celebrated his first season with Cosmos by being awarded the 1,500-dollar prize for the "Most Valuable Player" after an all-star show when Cosmos defeated Seattle Sounders 2-1 to clinch the title.

That was in the Cosmos company of the great Pele and little wonder after their latest title success Hunt was offered the dollar-laden chance to stay in New Jersey on a ten-year contract that would have set him up for life.

Birmingham-born Hunt, 22, admits: "Sure, they were ready to offer me a very long contract and to be honest I had to think long and hard about it. I mean, I could have stayed and secured my future inside about six years the way things were going."

"My wife, Sue, had not been able to settle during my first season with the Cosmos. But this year things were very different and she loved the place."

"So it wasn't a question of coming back for the sake of the family. It's simply a matter of personal and professional pride as far as I was concerned. I had some unfinished business to attend to!"



Hunt, who figured in Aston Villa's promotion push from the Second Division, found himself out of the picture when it came to the First Division — and that really hurt.

He was sold to Cosmos for £35,000 and Hunt explained: "I never felt I was given a fair chance at Villa and it became obvious they had decided to transfer me. I eventually had a choice — going to America with Cosmos or dropping into the Second or Third Division at home."

"I certainly didn't fancy the idea of stepping down and the chance to play alongside Pele certainly appealed to me. In any case, I thought the experience alone would be a tremendous benefit to my game."

Hunt returned home after his first season with the Cosmos and trained for four months with Coventry before re-joining his American club. But by then he knew he would be back.

STEVE HUNT

turned down a fortune with Cosmos to strike it rich with Coventry

He scored 14 goals in 29 games for Cosmos and was given a fantastic farewell from a 70,000 crowd but said: "Some people think I must be out of my mind."

"I've turned my back on a Cosmos career involving team-mates including Franz Beckenbauer and Dennis Tueart plus all the glamour playing for a club like that brings."

"But I've always had this burning ambition to prove myself in the First Division. I don't blame other people for thinking I'm mad but they must also see my side of the issue."

"It's something that has always been nagging at me. There is no way I will change until I've satisfied myself one way or the other."

"Coventry have given me the opportunity to strike it rich in England. It was obvious to me when training with them last winter they were on the way to a big future."

"They should have qualified for Europe last season but hit injury

problems at the wrong time as well as throwing away a few vital points in the run-in."

"But it's a great set-up. Competition for places has increased this season and that can only be a good sign for the future. I'm certain we can achieve a major breakthrough and on a personal note I don't intend to be proved wrong."

Manager Gordon Milne and his assistant Ron Wylie, the men behind Coventry's push for glory, have no doubts about Hunt's First Division future.

Milne insists: "I liked his approach to the game when I was able to take a long, close look at him during the time he trained with us."

"He wants to work and improve. He can play wide and is a good crosser of the ball — that's important with our set-up. He's also got a lot of class and was soon at home again on grass after playing on artificial turf in America."

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FOCUS ON

TONY CURRIE

Leeds Utd.

FULL NAME: Anthony William Currie
BIRTHPLACE: Edgware, Middlesex
BIRTHDATE: 1st January, 1950
HEIGHT: 5ft 10½ins
WEIGHT: 12st 8lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Watford, Sheffield United
MARRIED: Yes to Linda
CHILDREN: Sharon 9, Ryan 7, Natalie 1
CAR: Volvo 244DL
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Jimmy Greaves
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Sheffield United
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Peter Storey
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: England v. Austria 26th September, 1973 at Wembley
BIGGEST THRILL: Playing at Wembley
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Manchester United in the F.A. Cup Semi-Final, 1976-77
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Holland
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak, fish and chips
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Golf and tennis
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Gardening
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: The Two Ronnies and sports programmes
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Elton John and Leo Sayer
FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESSES: I haven't any
BEST FRIEND: I have a few
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My uncles and John Harris, my former boss at Sheffield United
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Being injured and postponements
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Four Youth, 13 Under-23 and 12 full England caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win something with Leeds United
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? I haven't a clue
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? The Queen at Wembley

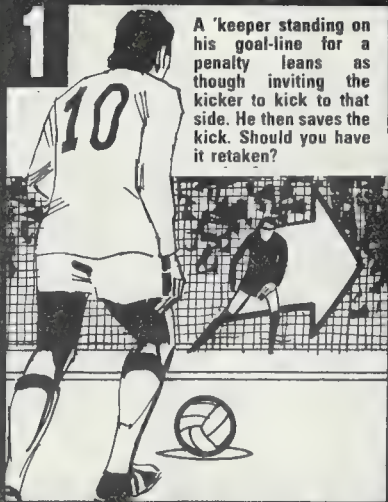
Benny Currie

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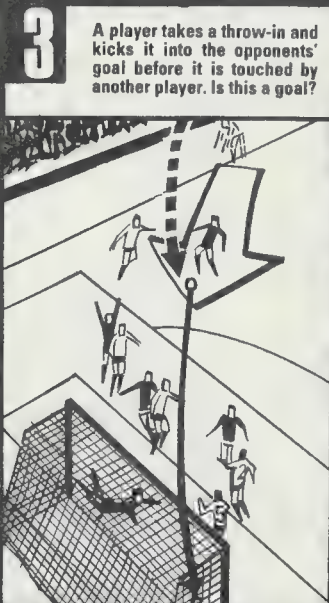
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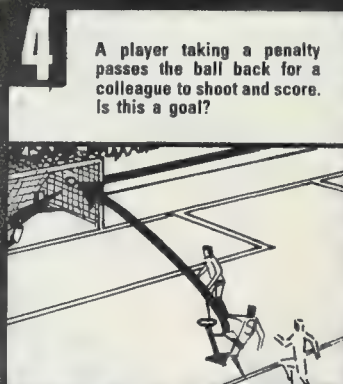
1 A 'keeper standing on his goal-line for a penalty leans as though inviting the kicker to kick to that side. He then saves the kick. Should you have it retaken?



2 A player taking a corner moves the post for a better kick at the ball. Should you allow this?



3 A player takes a throw-in and kicks it into the opponents' goal before it is touched by another player. Is this a goal?



4 A player taking a penalty passes the ball back for a colleague to shoot and score. Is this a goal?



5 You signal with your hand for a direct free-kick to be taken but do not blow your whistle. The kicker scores. The defending players protest. Should you allow the goal?

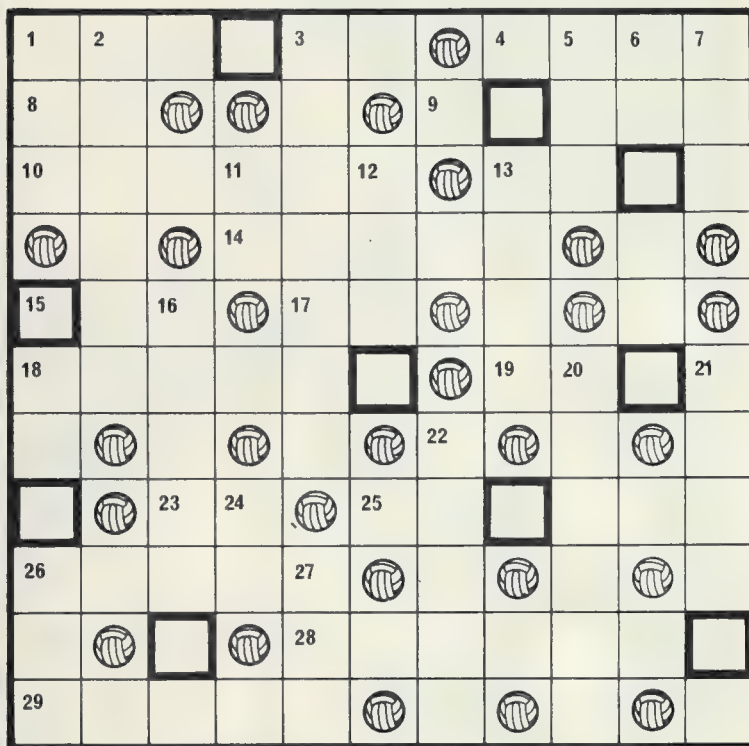
ANSWERS

1. No. This happened between Southampton and Ipswich when Ipswich 'keeper Paul Cooper saved from David Peach. Paul, in my opinion, wanted Dave to kick to his right and he did. That save earned Ipswich two points, the score ended 2-1.
2. No. Although at some grounds, especially at Loftus Road, home of Queens Park Rangers, players are very near the crowd, you cannot move the flag post.
3. No. He cannot touch the ball twice and an indirect free-kick must be awarded.
4. No. The ball must be kicked forward.
5. Yes. Provided the signal had been seen by everyone, it is in order. I sometimes feel in matches there is far too much whistle.

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edge squares to form the name of an Arsenal midfielder.

Answers on page 46



ACROSS:

- (1) Charlie —, surname of Derby County striker.
- (4) Ayre ---- Park, home of Middlesbrough.
- (8) N--tes; top French League club.
- (9) Last match of a competition.
- (10) Take six letters from St. Andrews to make drinking aids.
- (13) Bert Trautmann, goalkeeper, broke this in the 1956 F.A. Cup Final.
- (14) B--eba-l--rou-d (Derby). Colloquial language from the omissions.
- (15) Item of food from Ca-p--low Park, Morton.
- (17) Carlos Bab--gton; famous Argentinian midfielder.
- (18) — Road, ground of Leeds United.
- (19) — Gates, Ipswich Town striker.
- (23) A-a Hartf-rd Manchester City midfielder.
- (25) — Brooking, West Ham player.
- (26) Ca-l--le --ited. Wrecks from the missing letters.
- (28) Country who gained third place in the 1954 World Cup competition in Switzerland.
- (29) Give way — perhaps to a strong attack.

DOWN:

- (1) Ed--r -traet; ground of Hereford United.
- (2) Necessitate from a player's recent ailment!
- (3) Alan —, Bolton Wanderers striker.
- (4) A draw gives a — point for each team.
- (5) Number of goals scored in the 1977/78 European Cup Final.
- (6) Lou —, Manchester United midfielder.
- (7) Take three letters from Gary Locke for a large deer.
- (11) Fortun- Dus-eldorf (West German League club).
- (12) Roland ----berg, famous Swedish centre-forward.
- (15) Gary —, Birmingham City defender.
- (16) Difficult to grasp or perceive.
- (20) Clapham —, one of the very first F.A. Cup entrants (1871/72).
- (21) Surname of Southampton player ex-Derby County.
- (22) David —, West Ham United striker.
- (24) Arbroath beat B-- Accord 36-0 (All-time record) in the Scottish Cup in 1885.
- (27) Sorrowful — perhaps over a bad performance.

A FEW months ago Arnold Mühren left Holland to join Ipswich Town. Arsenal would love to sign Ruud Krol, the Dutch World Cup captain. No doubt all of Holland's outstanding internationals would be welcomed in the Football League... yet strangely the top star in Holland this season is an Englishman who never really made the big-time over here.

He is Ray Clarke, top scorer in Holland and a major reason why, even at this stage, Ajax seem certain to win the League yet again.

Clarke began his career with Spurs. He left them, aged 20, to go to Swindon and from Swindon went to Mansfield.

It was with The Stags Clarke began to be recognised, scoring consistently. Most strikers who make a "name" for themselves in

RAY CLARKE

The Englishman who's a hit in Holland

the lower Divisions are usually given the chance in the top flight — not Clarke.

He says: "Bill McGarry, who was manager of Wolves at the time, wanted to buy me, but was sacked before the deal could go through. Looking back, I suppose it would have been some sort of risk to pay £80,000 for me. Bill advised Sparta Rotterdam, I'd be worth a gamble, they gambled... and it paid off for them. Things worked out well."

Life wasn't easy for Clarke at first. "It was difficult to get used to a different way of life. The initial six months were especially hard."

"There was the language problem, fitting into a new team, but after a while I settled down."

After two years with Sparta, Ajax saw Ray as the player to succeed Ruud Geels, who had moved on to Anderlecht.

"Taking over from someone like Ruud, who had scored so many goals, put a lot of pressure on me. The more you are at the top, the harder it is. You must train harder, work harder to stay there."

"I think the Ajax fans accept me now."

They certainly do. Clarke has been in fine goalscoring form, helping the Amsterdammers to a similar sort of start to the season as Liverpool.



Bill McGarry (above) was sacked as manager of Wolves before he could sign Ray Clarke (right).

"Ajax are building a new, young team. I believe we will reach a high European level soon. I'm really happy here and we've bought a nice house in Vinkeveen."

"There isn't that much difference between Dutch soccer and English soccer. Perhaps tactics are more vital over here."

"Similarly, I don't think there is a great deal of difference between British managers and Dutch bosses, except every manager is different anyway."

"From my point of view, playing here with Sparta and now Ajax is more of a challenge because it's a step up the ladder."

Despite playing in Holland, Ray still dreams of an England cap.

"Last month we played against Athletic Bilbao in the U.E.F.A. Cup. We won 3-0, it could have been 5-0... it was a great match."

"I just wish Ron Greenwood had been there because it was my best game for Ajax so far!"

"In fact, at the beginning of the season Mr. Greenwood phoned me asking me to play in a testimonial game, but I couldn't be

released due to my obligations with Ajax."

"Now Ajax are doing well in Europe I hope Mr. Greenwood comes to see me play."

"I'm convinced England are still one of the best soccer countries in the world. Twice we failed to reach the World Cup Finals on goal-difference."

"I don't like this rule at such an important level. They ought to have a play-off match."

"Anyway, both Poland and Italy went on to do very well in the Finals, so if England had played they, too, would have been in with a good chance."

"A lot of people believe England are still the best. I believe it because I have to. You must have confidence in yourself."

Goal-a-game Clarke has a three-year contract with Ajax. And after that...?

"I don't know. Perhaps I'll stay, at the moment I'm very happy. I don't have to return to England. As long as we like it here, why should we leave?"

BERT JONGEN.



SWISS club Servette tried in vain to get French club Nancy to play the European Cup-Winners' Cup-tie on October 17th instead of the 18th. The problem was there was a tennis tournament in Geneva on the 18th, with Björn Borg, Vitas Gerulaitis and Adriano Panatta. Servette feared their attendance would suffer, but Nancy took 5,000 fans to the game anyway.

WORLDWIDE

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SWEDEN LIKE ENGLISH COACHES

THREE of the 14 teams in the Swedish First Division will be managed by English coaches/managers next year.

Highly successful Bob Houghton and Roy Hodgson are set to stay with their present clubs, Malmö FF and Halmstad (Champions 1977 and 1976 respectively), while Djurgårdens IF have signed Alan Ball senior.

The total of English managers might very well have been increased, but negotiations between AIK Solna and Keith Spurgeon are reported to have broken down.

IFK Malmö, making a great run in the Second Division this term and still hoping for promotion, are managed by yet another Englishman, Sid Huntley.

The coach/manager in Swedish football is responsible "only" for coaching, tactics and, mostly, team selections. All off-field duties are handled by the staff, even things like fund-raising and transfers.



Yugoslavian midfielder Branko Oblak (above) will leave Bayern Munich at the end of the season to return home to become technical director of Olympia Ljubljana.

SPAIN took an almost decisive step towards the Finals of the European Championship with their 2-1 win over Yugoslavia in Zagreb. The Spanish F.A. were cock-a-hoop about the result and promptly gave the players a bonus of £1,400 a man — including three players who were injured in training and couldn't even make the trip to Yugoslavia!



Alarming soccer slump in Argentina

TRADITIONALLY, winning the World Cup heralds a boom for the domestic scene in the World Champions' country. At least, that's the way it's worked out in recent years, with attendances soaring in England, Brazil and West Germany following their wins in 1966, 1970 and 1974 respectively.

But in Argentina exactly the opposite seems to be happening, with post-World Cup League attendances reaching an all-time low.

Just look at these turnstile figures for four recent Sundays:

16th fixture of the League programme		
Highest ticket sale.....	Boca Juniors v Racing	18,407
Lowest.....	Gimnasia v Atlanta	909
Total for all 10 games.....	39,705 (average 3,971)	
17th fixture		
Highest ticket sale.....	Boca Juniors v Riv. Plate	26,211
Lowest.....	Estudiantes BA v Gimnasia	311
Total for all 10 games.....	38,124 (average 3,812)	

18th fixture		
Highest ticket sale	River Plate v Atlanta	13,173
Lowest	Banfield v Huracán	393
Total for 10 games	28,388 (average 2,839)	
19th fixture		
Highest ticket sale	Atlanta v Boca Juniors	18,278
Lowest	Vélez Sarsfield v Gimnasia	206
Total for 10 games	40,397 (average 4,040)	

But even worse was to come in, believe it or not, the match between last season's National Champions Independiente, and Estudiantes, when only 27 standing tickets and three seats were sold!

The reasons behind this dismal slump are simply that half of Argentina's World Cup-winning team have left the country, and almost all the rest departed with their clubs for a lucrative European tour, leaving the fans at home to watch matches between teams packed with unknown and unglamorous reserves.

● Picture shows the bare spaces in a stadium during a League game.

EURO RESULTS

SOME European Championship results to help you keep in touch with how the competition is progressing, and keep a record of the tournament in our Who's Who booklet.

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Eire 0, N. Ireland 0
Denmark 3, England 4
Denmark 2, Bulgaria 2

GROUP 2
Norway 0, Austria 2
Belgium 1, Norway 1
Austria 3, Scotland 2
Portugal 1, Belgium 1

GROUP 3
Yugoslavia 1, Spain 2

GROUP 4
Iceland 0, Poland 2
Holland 3, Iceland 0
E. Germany 3, Iceland 1
Switzerland 1, Holland 3

GROUP 5
France 2, Sweden 2
Sweden 1, Czechoslovakia 3
Luxembourg 1, France 3

GROUP 6
Finland 3, Greece 0
Finland 2, Hungary 1
U.S.S.R. 2, Greece 0
Hungary 2, U.S.S.R. 0
Greece 8, Finland 1

● Picture shows France captain Marius Tresor in action against Luxembourg.



SANTOS, the club Pelé made famous, are, apparently, on the way back to becoming a soccer power once again. The average age of the squad is 22 and Clodoaldo, a star of the 1970 World Cup, seems to have overcome his injury problems and is playing really well.

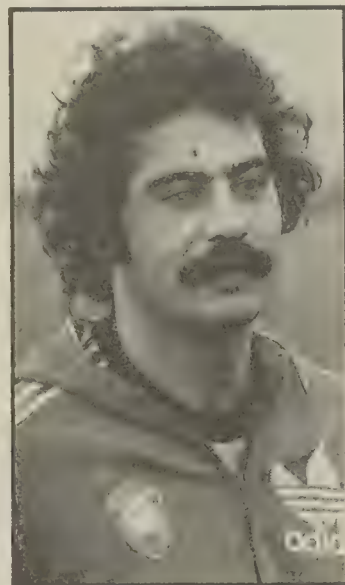
PERSEPOLIS (Teheran) have become Iran's first full-time professional club. They had captain Ali Parvin and two other players in Iran's World Cup squad and have offered shares in the club to their supporters. Salaries and bonuses will depend on gate receipts.

WEST Germany's new manager, Jupp Derwall, has travelled 12,000 miles in the last three months to watch players and opponents.

OTTO KNEFLER, 55-year-old coach of Eintracht Frankfurt, was injured in a car crash; his injuries included broken ribs.

COSMOS set up transfer deal of all time

THE Cosmos still want Rivelino (below), even though the Brazil star has signed a fabulous contract with the El Heial club in Saudi Arabia.



Rivelino has now been joined by Mario Zagalo, national team coach in 1970 and 1974, who had a lot of success with Kuwait a couple of years ago.

Zagalo has signed a one-year contract worth — wait for it — £1 million. Apart from managing the club, he will also lead the newly-formed Brazil/Saudi Arabia Chamber of Commerce and, in the words of club director Prince Khaled, "have the responsibility of introducing Brazilian culture to the Saudi people."

Perhaps even more interesting is the meeting between the Prince and "King" Pelé who, apparently, told him officially the Cosmos want to sign Rivelino next year.

Pelé added the American club were willing to buy Zico, Francisco Marinho and another player and give them to El Heial, who in return would release Rivelino — with compensation as well, of course.

Prince Khaled replied he hoped Rivelino could do for Saudi soccer what Pelé did in the United States, but the offer would be considered.

If it does come off, it would surely be the transfer deal of all-time.

● This prompted a Brazilian cartoonist to draw this:

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"We'd better watch out; perhaps they'll start signing Brazilian supporters as well!"

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The original zoo claimed it was too small for such animals, but Borussia say: "It's not the money that bothers us, but they didn't even tell us. Now we know why we haven't had much luck lately..."



BAYERN Munich goalkeeper Sepp Maier has his own way of dealing with fans who invade the pitch...

RECORD IN CHILE

IN CHILE, Lota Schwager striker Washington Abad has set up a new national record with seven goals in Lota's 14-1 (yes, 14) win over bottom-of-the-table Rangers. Mind you, "Lota's lota" goals were not entirely unexpected because all the Rangers first team were on strike in protest against not having been paid since May!

So Lota mercilessly did their goal-average a lot of good by putting 14 past a team of amateurs and members of the youth side.

Incidentally, even Rangers' consolation goal was an own-goal scored by Lota defender Azocar!

THE Spanish Cup has ground into action again, with 156 teams competing in the First Round. In England one associates the Cup with excitement and shock results, but in Spain the competition is so devoid of interest and can incur such heavy travelling expenses no fewer than 43 Second and Third Division clubs have refused to take part!

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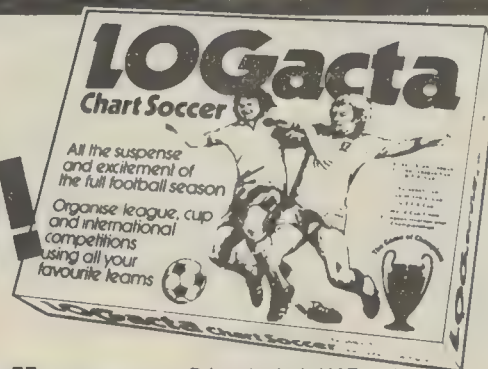
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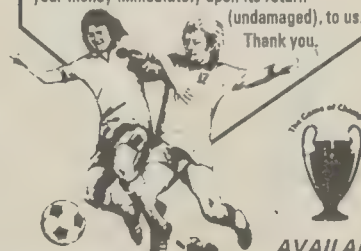


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CELTIC

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Davie Cooper helped Rangers to a 3-2 win v. St. Mirren at Ibrox Park.



Celtic boss Billy McNeill is hoping to continue the trend of League Cup Final appearances.



LITTLE Montrose are the club with the most unenviable task in soccer when they face Celtic in the League Cup Quarter-Finals.

The Parkhead men are bidding to win a place at Hampden for the 15th successive time in the Final of this trophy and there seems no way part-time Montrose will be able to prevent the runaway Celtic train from reaching the Semi-Finals.

It looked as though Celtic's world record would stop in the previous round when they lost 1-0 to Motherwell in the first-leg of their tie at Parkhead. It left Celtic with an awful lot to do in the return at Fir Park, but Billy McNeill's men responded magnificently to the task in hand and with Davie Provan sparkling on the right-wing they walloped four goals into the 'Well net.

They eventually got through 4-2 on aggregate. Montrose, too, staged a remarkable comeback in their tie against Raith Rovers. At one stage they were 4-0 down on aggregate, yet they came roaring back to win by the odd goal in nine.

That was a great feat, but there will be no repeat in the Quarter-Finals. Celtic should power through with goals to spare.

Holders Rangers should also get through. They meet the part-timers of Arbroath and the Gayfield men can only hope to keep the score respectable. Rangers were almost shocked in the previous round when St. Mirren were leading 2-0 at one stage at Ibrox, but John Greig's men got a grip of the game in the second-half and eventually won 3-2 with the goals coming from Davie Cooper, Alex Miller and Derek Johnstone.

The Ibrox side played a defensive formation in the second-leg at Love Street as they contained Saints' midfield dynamo and skip-

per Tony Fitzpatrick. They settled for a goalless draw in the away tie, but, of course, they will open up all the way against Arbroath.

Morton and Hibs collide in another tie that should provide great excitement and goals for the fans. The Greenock side earned a point at Easter Road this season and even Hibs manager Eddie Turnbull praised their football that day.

Ally Scott will be looking forward to this match against the side who gave him a free transfer last season. Scott has already extracted revenge for he scored the goal that gave Morton a 1-1 draw earlier in the season.

There's an intriguing situation in the remaining Quarter-Final tie where Aberdeen clash with Ayr United, bossed, of course, by ex-Pittodrie and Scotland manager Ally MacLeod.

Powerful Dons

Ayr have had a bit of a revival under the renewed managership of MacLeod, but their progress in the League Cup should come to an abrupt halt in this tie.

The Dons have one of the most powerful player-pools in Scotland and manager Alex Ferguson could even take the luxury of leaving out players such as Joe Harper, Stevie Archibald and Dominic Sullivan and still expect his side to win both legs, home and away.

Aberdeen blasted helpless Hamilton 8-1 on aggregate in the previous round while Ayr had to fight all the way to get past Second Division Falkirk.

Looking into the SHOOT crystal ball we would say that the Semi-Final pairings will come from Celtic, Rangers, Hibs and Aberdeen and that's a tasty mouth-watering possibility.

'MY SOCCER WORLD'

"I JOINED the navy to see the world" the old song goes. But if you want to be a jet-setter in this day and age it is best to get yourself fixed up with a top football club.

Soccer Seventies style is as much about miles as it is about goals and a talent to kick a ball is a passport to the glamorous — and sometimes not so plushy — parts of the globe.

In this, for me, stay-at-home season when Celtic are out of any European competition and injury keeps me from recovering my place in the Scotland team, I thought it would be pleasant to

make Tartan Talk a little international.

So excuse me while I cast my mind back to my soccer around the world. I am sure there is more to come of course, but I thought you might like to hear about the best and the worst of it all so far.

The best? Without a doubt that is Singapore where Celtic went in the close season of 1977 for a highly successful tour which later included Australia.

It is a fantastic, fascinating place which boasts the good, the bad and the ugly of life in this century.

Holiday Inns and their corresponding life-styles live side by side

with Chinatown places which are built of homes no better than mud-huts.

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There is a lesson there for authorities in this country because everyone agrees we should make more use of our grounds. There are 365 days in the year when people

East, Australia, the Middle East, Greece and all over Europe, Chile, Argentina and Brazil. Something like 30 countries.

I have been behind the Iron Curtain of course, but I have yet to see the pleasures of the USSR.

It is difficult to suggest the worst countries I have visited, because I don't think it is fair to judge any place on a two or three day visit.

But I certainly wasn't too keen on the temperatures in Iceland when we played and beat Valur in a European Cup-Winners' Cup-tie in Reykjavik in 1975. I remember it was just going into winter time and believe me, if you want to know about winter ask an Iclander. Scottish winters must seem like paradise to our own Johannes Edvaldsson!

Mind you, weather isn't the only consideration. I wasn't too happy about Greece when we played

Tartan Talk **DANNY McGRAIN**



Celtic (left, Danny with the World of Soccer trophy) had a successful trip to Singapore and Australia in 1977. The Scottish full-back does not fancy playing on Astro-turf (below).

are looking for places to participate in their chosen sport.

Football has the space to offer . . . so why doesn't it cash in?

Any new football ground should be built on the lines of Edinburgh's Meadowbank Stadium where every sport from hockey to weightlifting is given consideration, despite the fact it was built for athletics. Football cashes in too in the shape of Meadowbank Thistle who play all their home matches there.

By all means give football priority, but help other sports to help ours.

But I've digressed. I was talking about my travels.

My second favourite place was Israel which we went to about six years ago on a close season jaunt. I liked it there so much I think because the trip included a week's holiday and we saw round the usual tourist spots . . . something I like to do.

Travel-wise, football has been good to me. I have seen the Far

Panathinaikos on a pitch which was a cross between a cowfield and potato patch.

Still, it could have been worse I suppose. Better than the Astro-turf I no doubt will have to play on if we ever do go to America.

I just don't fancy that at all. It seems to me it was developed for the benefit of attacking players and not for defenders who risk life and limb in a slide-tackle.

I'm not saying anyone who tries a tackle is a certainty for a burn, but the next time I play on it I am going to get asbestos socks!

Danny McGrain

NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN TALK BY RANGERS' DEREK JOHNSTONE

Have St. Mirren at last filled their problem position?

"I DIDN'T want to spend my career being known as Alan Rough's understudy. Certainly, big Alan is one of the best goalkeepers I have ever seen, but I am determined to be even better."

Those are the words of Billy Thomson, who cost St. Mirren £55,000 when they signed him from Partick Thistle this season. It's a record sum paid out by the Love Street club. It's ironic it should be paid for a reserve, but shrewd judges North of the border think Paisley manager Jim Clunie has got a bargain.

Thomson found difficulty in breaking into the Firhill first team due to the consistent brilliance of Rough, but in his rare appearances in the top side he never let down Thistle and won many admirers.

One of his saves last season had the Firhill fans applauding for almost a full minute and was rated one of the best of the season by all who witnessed it.

That spectacular effort came against Hibs in the League game at Firhill which Bertie Auld's men won 2-1. It was just after half-time with the Easter Road side leading when a cross from the right-wing found Hibs' Pat Carroll striding on to the ball in open space.

He was about 20 yards out, summoned all the power in his body into one crucial moment of impact and struck the ball firmly and fiercely. The shot zoomed from his right foot and, by rights, it should have ended in the back of the net.

Instead, Thomson sprung cat-like into the air and touched the ball over the crossbar. It was an immaculate piece of goalkeeping from a youngster far too good for the shadow world of the reserves.

Thomson waited for Rough to get his move, but, eventually, frustration prompted the youngster into asking for a transfer.

Rough must have thought it ironic. He has been waiting for a transfer for over six years and has been available, but Thomson had to wait only a matter of weeks when he came on the market.

St. Mirren manager Clunie hadn't seen the player in action, but he accepted reports on him and parted with £55,000 to bring an end to the problems that had haunted his number one position.

Last season the Saints tried THREE goalkeepers, but former boss Alex Ferguson didn't find the ideal man. Donald Hunter, on loan from Rangers, returned to Ibrox where he was freed.

Ally Hunter, the former Celtic international goalkeeper, arrived on a free transfer from Motherwell, but he, too, failed to settle and was eventually freed. Alan McCulloch arrived from Kilmarnock on loan, but the Rugby Park club recalled him when they sold Jim Stewart to Middlesbrough for £110,000.

The Love Street goalkeeping merry-go-round continued at the start of this season when Ally McLean, the former Ayr and Aberdeen 'keeper, stepped in. Young reserve Campbell Money also got a chance to impress Clunie before he eventually signed Thomson.

Ironically, Ally McLean has now taken Thomson's place at Firhill as understudy to Alan Rough!

"I am delighted to get first team football," says Thomson. "St. Mirren are a very ambitious side and have some of the best young players in the country."

"When Mr. Clunie came for me I couldn't sign swiftly enough. This is the opportunity I have been waiting for."

Thomson followed Rough into the Scottish Under-21 team. Now he wants that top team place in the international side. There is little doubt Thomson has the ability to seize that chance...



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ALEX FERGUSON took a look at Aberdeen and said: "This is the best team in Scotland. They have some marvellous players, real strength in depth and should do very well in Europe."

That sounds just like another manager heaping praise upon his own team, doesn't it? And it can get fairly monotonous when a boss likes to give himself a pat on his back for his own achievements.

However, there is one major, significant difference in those words from Ferguson... they were said during last season when he was manager of St. Mirren!

The likeable Ferguson had just watched his young Saints side played off the park by a demoralising display of pace and power from The Dons and he was unstinting in his praise afterwards.

Now, with the managerial merry-go-round taking another spin, he is in charge of the Pittodrie outfit he envied so much last season. Billy McNeill left to take over his beloved Celtic, Ferguson was linked with the Aberdeen job, St. Mirren were apparently peeved at the thought of him taking up that post and sacked him. The following day Fergie was appointed Dons boss!

"It was a wrench leaving St. Mirren," says Fergie. "I really mean that. It sounds corny, but it's true. I had a lot of feeling for that club... and I still do."

"However, I really couldn't turn down the opportunity to take over Aberdeen. They are a great club and everyone is so ambitious here."

"Everyone from the chairman to the cleaning ladies talks about success. They are determined to get in among those trophies on a permanent basis. We are not interested in one-off successes."

"There's no point in winning a Cup then disappearing back into the wilderness. We want to be in

there all the time. We have the resources.

"Look at our ground, for a start. It must be among the most modern in Britain. Everyone can watch their football in comfort as we are fully seated. That's a step in the right direction and it just shows you how ambitious we are."

"Forget about Aberdeen being the oil boom town. Let's talk about the football boom town..."

Ferguson has done remarkably well in such a short time at Pittodrie. The players respect him and talk highly of his qualities. Young Stevie Archibald says: "If you have a problem you can take it to the boss."

"He is concerned about everything. He is dedicated to the club and if there is something interfering with your form on the field he wants to know all about it."

"That's his style and it is appreciated by all the players. He is very definitely a player's manager. The sort of boss you can really respect."

Ferguson shrugs off praise. He says: "Of course, it's nice, but let's win something first. Last season Aberdeen received a lot of praise — not just from me! — but at the end of it all they had nothing to show for their efforts."

"They came so close. They were second in the League and runners-up in the Cup and no one remembers the losers. The experience, though, will not have harmed the boys. If anything it has made them all the more determined to win something and that's the sort of talk I like to hear."

Alex Ferguson had a remarkable career as a consistent goalscorer with Queen's Park, St. Johnstone, Dunfermline, Rangers, Falkirk and Ayr United on the pitch, but it seems the best is yet to come from this adventurous entertainer OFF the pitch.

DUNDEE UNITED's record in Europe is nothing short of lamentable. They have an unhappy habit of going out in the First or Second Rounds...

However, this season they received a lot of sympathy when they became the first Scottish club to bow out of Europe via the U.E.F.A. Cup. They went down 1-0 on aggregate to Belgian aces Standard Liege, but United still argue a perfectly good goal was ruled out and that cost them the tie.

The "scorer" of that effort was David Narey, the defensive anchor-man who appears to have adopted a more adventurous role this season. The powerful sweeper lobbed the ball over the Belgian 'keeper's head, but the cheers of the Tannadice fans died when the referee indicated that the Standard number one had been impeded on the goal-line.

The most remarkable thing, though, is Narey was ever in that position at all. He started his career as a midfield player and, indeed, scored two goals against Keflavik, of Iceland, in an away European tie three years ago, but it is at the back of the defence Narey has really made his name.

He became the first Dundee United player ever to appear in a full Scottish international side when he came on as substitute in a friendly match against Sweden at Hampden two years ago and the critics relished the thought of this

Derby's assistant-manager Frank Blunstone was involved in a public slanging match with Jim McLean in a Belgian airport after United's match against Standard Liege.

McLean alleged Blunstone was "tapping" his player and the Derby man replied he was just having a quick word about the game with the player.

No one could have blamed Narey if his form had been affected by all the rumours and counter-rumours, but his consistency never faltered.

Narey's attitude must be admired. He realises a lot of clubs are interested in him, but he hasn't allowed anything to alter his size in hats. He hasn't rushed into the manager's office and demanded a transfer to a glamour club.

He has made his name at the heart of the defence where he combines superbly with centre-back Paul Hegarty, but his sorties into attack are catching a lot of teams unawares.

St. Mirren have felt his power in a League match at Love Street. They were drawing 1-1 when a cross came over from the right and Narey appeared from nowhere. His first shot was blocked, but, displaying typical fire and spirit, he followed up to blast in the rebound.

A goalscoring midfield/defender? The remarkable David Narey combines all the skills of the game...

DAVID NAREY

**Dundee United's
goalscoring
midfield/
defender**

talented youngster competing with the likes of Martin Buchan (Manchester United), Tom Forsyth (Rangers), Kenny Burns (Nottingham Forest) and Willie Miller (Aberdeen) for the number six jersey in the years to come.

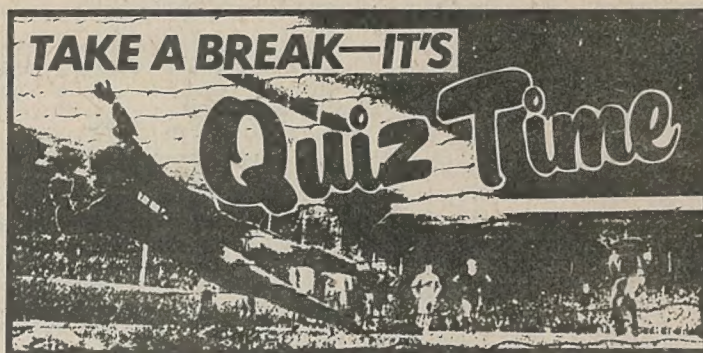
It was a tribute to Narey's defensive capabilities Derby manager Tommy Docherty thought he was the man who should take over from the so-dependable Colin Todd when he moved to Everton.

The Doc, however, did not pull off a signing scoop when he heard United's price. He says he was quoted something in the region of £325,000 by Tannadice manager Jim McLean, but the United boss denies such a figure was ever mentioned.

It appears Docherty was willing to spend around £250,000 on Narey and that would have kept the Baseball Ground directors extremely happy. After all, they would have sold a 30-year-old player, replaced him with a 22-year-old and still put something like £70,000 in the bank. It was too good to be true...

Controversy raged for a spell over the transfer possibility when





1. Was Newport County, Northampton Town or Reading the last Fourth Division club in this season's League Cup?
2. John Beck was recently transferred from Coventry City. (a) Did he join Millwall, Fulham or Orient and (b) where did he begin his League career?
3. Middlesbrough were also involved in a big transfer deal during October. They splashed out around £210,000 to secure the services of a Northern Ireland international who had been playing in the Second Division. Can you name him and the club he was bought from?
4. Miljan Miljanic, the former Real Madrid manager, recently spent ten days with which First Division club?
5. Argentina international Alberto Tarantini (right) made his Football League debut for Birmingham City against Spurs at White Hart Lane.
6. Can you name the former South-



(a) What was the date and (b) the final result?
6. Can you name the former South-

ampton defender who was recently involved in a controversy over an F.A. Cup-tie for Margate against Croydon?
7. The player (below) had the distinction of scoring Bristol City's



first Division One goal in the opening game of the 1976-77 season at Arsenal. He has been dogged by injuries over the past year... can you identify him?
8. Nottingham Forest gained a tremendous 2-1 away victory against AEK Athens in the European Cup Second Round first-leg. Who scored their goals?
9. Glasgow Rangers entertained PSV Eindhoven in the same competition. Did the game finish 0-0, 1-1 or 2-2?
10. On Saturday, October 14th, West Brom's Tony Brown broke a club record in their 3-1 win at Leeds United... which record?

ANSWERS:

all-time top goalscorer.
Birtles, 9, 0-0, 10. He became Albion's Cheesley, 8, John McGovern and Gary (b) 1-0 to Spurs, 6, Mel Blyth, 7, Paul Burnley, 4, Chelsea, 5, (a) October 14th, Park Rangers, 3, Terry Cochran from 1, Reading, 2, (a) Fulham, (b) Queens

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

Across:— (1) George, (4) Some, (8) An, (9) Final, (10) Straws, (13) Neck, (14) Slang, (15) Pie, (17) In, (18) Elland, (19) Eric, (23) So, (25) Trevor, (26) Ruins, (28) Austria, (29) Yield.
Down:— (1) Gas, (2) Entail, (3) Gowling, (4) Single, (5) One, (6) Macari, (7) Elk, (11) As, (12) Sand, (15) Pendrey, (16) Elusive, (20) Rovers, (21) Curran, (22) Cross, (24) On, (27) Sad.

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ARSENAL v. IPSWICH TOWN

Saturday, November 4th

Ipswich's Clive Woods (dark shirt) evades a tackle from Arsenal's Pat Rice during last season's F.A. Cup Final. Liam Brady looks on.

ARSENAL are at home to Ipswich on Saturday for what will be the first meeting between the clubs since the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley last May.

Then, Ipswich upset the form-book by beating hot favourites Arsenal 1-0. But even fervent Arsenal supporters will admit the Suffolk men could have scored more but for some fine goalkeeping by Pat Jennings and some handily-placed woodwork.

Liam Brady, who limped out of that match, is currently back on peak form as Arsenal edge up the First Division table. Clive Woods, whose penetrating left-wing runs tormented Arsenal's defence, is adjusting to the gradually changing style of his team. They re-live May 6th and discuss the prospects of Saturday's First Division meeting at Highbury.

BRADY: There is no denying the better team won on the day. That is why we have partly forgotten the Final. We did so little worth remembering!

WOODS: That's last season, however, and while it is unlikely to be forgotten at either club for some time, the more immediate fact is Arsenal have made a better start to this season than us.

BRADY: Yes, we have made a solid start, despite losing players such as Malcolm Macdonald and Alan Hudson for long spells. We have adjusted to their absence because Mal's injury was obviously going to keep him out for some weeks and Alan decided to play in America.

WOODS: People will expect Arsenal to try doubly hard against us to make amends for the Final. How much does that kind of thing matter at this level of the game?

BRADY: It does matter, but not to the degree people expect. This is an



LIAM BRADY
(Arsenal)

'I imagine, Clive, you have happier memories of the Cup Final than I have.'

important First Division match, like all such matches. The Final will undoubtedly be at the back of our minds. But not at the front.

WOODS: I know what you mean. Professional pride plays a big part, but the Final is now part of history and nothing to do with November, 1978.

BRADY: Right. We did not enjoy Wembley because, on the day, we did not play as we can. I make no excuses. We simply never hit fourth gear and ironically reserved our poorest overall display for the big day. I went off with an ankle injury and Graham Rix took my place. But I doubt if that made much difference. Because we only started to inject a bit of urgency after Roger Osborne put you in front.

WOODS: Looking back I see our recent games have hardly been what the fans would call thrillers,



CLIVE WOODS
(Ipswich Town)

'Obviously, Liam, but not just because we won. I will cherish the memory of the way we played.'

nor have they been high-scoring games.

BRADY: Well, we met three times last season. You won 1-0 at Portman Road, we won by the same scoreline at Highbury and you clinched it by that one goal at Wembley. Maybe it's our turn.

WOODS: It will be interesting to see how our teams have changed, if at all, in our style of play. We have played the long-ball game now for nearly five years, but with Arnie Muhren over from Holland and settling down quickly, we may slowly change to make full use of his style of play.

BRADY: We have not changed our style. We put the emphasis on skill, attacking and entertaining. And we believe it will pay off in the end. Last season brought us disappointments in

both major Cups. But we have done well without players like Mal, Huddy, Graham Rix, Dave O'Leary and Alan Sunderland. Steve Walford has proved a versatile player and lads like Mark Heeley, Jimmy Harvey and John Devine have done very well when brought in.

WOODS: Most people know our style by now. But coping with it is another matter. Arnie is making a difference and obviously replaces Colin Viljoen, now with Manchester City, although injury kept Colin on the sidelines for long spells.

BRADY: The subject of foreign players is very interesting. What are your feelings about allowing them into the Football League?

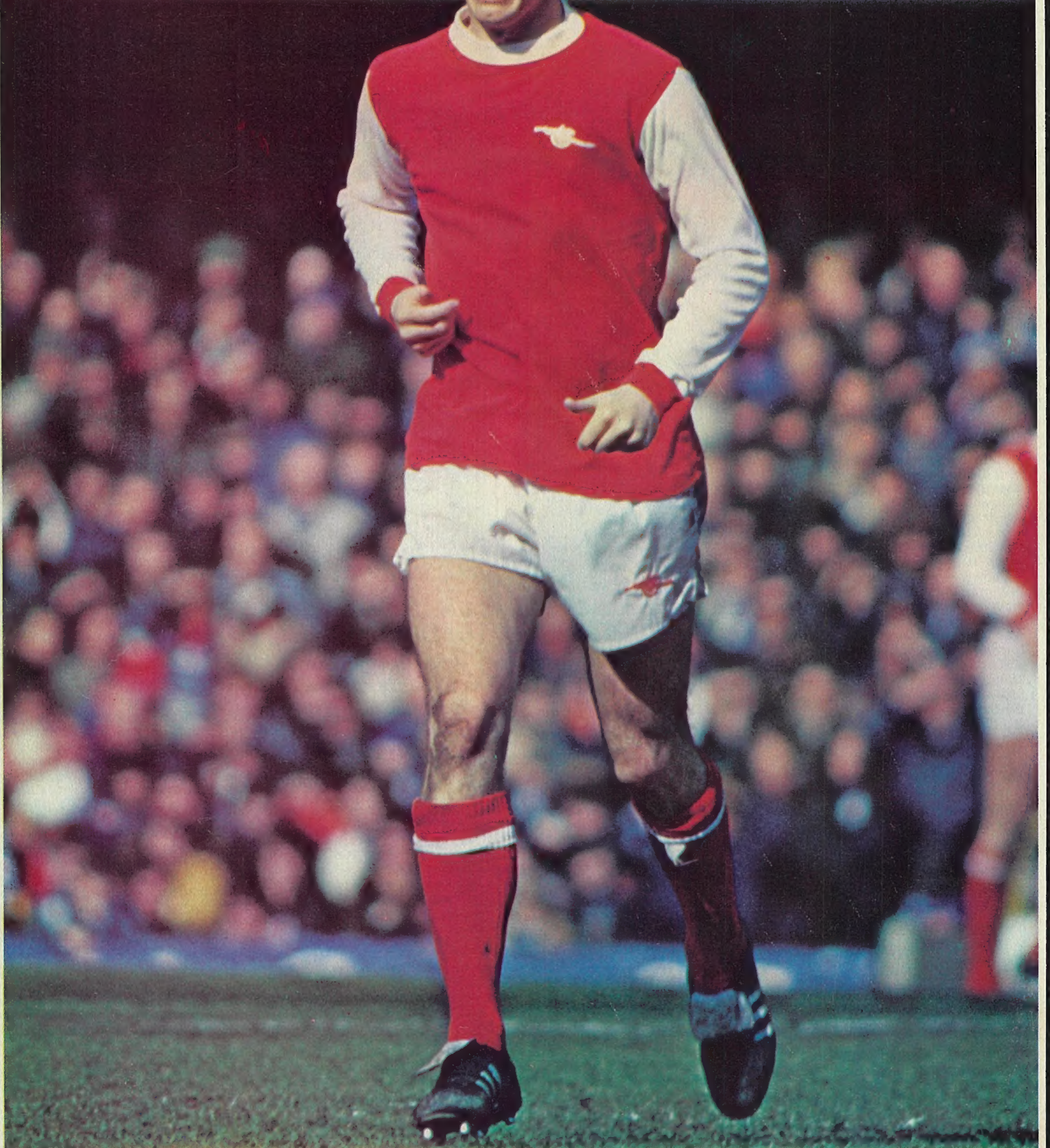
WOODS: To be honest I am all for it, with one reservation. I believe we should introduce a limit on the number of foreign players allowed to play per club. I think two men per club would be fine. But no more. Otherwise you could run the risk of things getting out of hand.

BRADY: I would go even further. I believe we should open the doors, but only to quality players. You can never have too many top-class players. That is what fans want, what people pay to see. I agree it could become daft if we got hooked on a "foreign player" fashion. But I just cannot see that happening.

WOODS: Meanwhile, Liam, we come face to face again for the first time since May and I, for one, feel confident we have the knowledge to take at least one point off you.

BRADY: Don't bank on it Clive. Even forgetting Wembley altogether, we give little away at home, and do not be misled by the youthful appearance of our team. Some of us have already been through more highs and lows from last season than a lot of lads experience in a whole career.

LIAM BRADY
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